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U.S. Hurries Preparations To Supply Democracies

Surplus Army, Navy Equipment May Be Released to Britain as First Move

Washington, Mar. 10.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt's defence advisers today speeded preparations to convert the United States into an "arsenal of the Democracies." The major questions now were: Where do we go from here? Will attempts be made to make the United States a larder as well as an arsenal of the Democracies? How much and what equipment will be lent or leased to Britain, Greece and China?

After two months, the lend-lease programme shifted from Congress to the Administrative branches. The first move was expected to be the release to Britain of present Army and Navy equipment catalogued as "surplus or easily replaceable." Such equipment may include naval auxiliary vessels and perhaps some new "mosquito" torpedo boats, submarine chasers, tanks, artillery, munitions and planes.

Some quarters predicted that perhaps all 45 destroyers now classified as special types and not included in the Navy's combatant naval strength figures might be placed on the list of equipment set for early transfer to Britain.

President Roosevelt will establish a super-agency to co-ordinate aid to Britain, Greece and China with United States defence needs and foreign policy, Congressional sources said yesterday after Senatorial passage of the lend-lease bill.

Present special agencies, they pointed out, delegate defence production. The Defence Commission and the Office of Production Management deal mainly with planning and accelerating production facilites to capacity.

A new agency is needed, responsible to the President, to furnish maximum aid to Democracies while constantly considering the problems of international strategy and also domestic policy, it was said.

Hopkins May Head Body

Informed sources predicted that President Roosevelt's emissary to London, Mr. Harry Hopkins, would be the central figure in such an organization. Others, they said, would be the Secretaries of State, Treasury, War and Navy.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, would represent Foreign policy; Col. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War and Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of Navy, would represent military and naval strategy and Mr. Hopkins would represent social idealism as well as having a first hand concept of Britain's needs.

President Roosevelt and other Administration spokesman refused to disclose specific plans until the bill finally is enacted and signed. The new agency would be required to decide both what materials should be sent and on what terms.

One Administration source disclosed to the United Press that Britain may be asked to submit all her collateral in the Western Hemisphere, except real estate, as security against which the United States would send materials without regard to specific arrangements as to price value, which would be left to later negotiations.

The agency, it was believed, would provide a channel for U.S. output to be distributed to the Democracies in such amounts and directions as would best implement U.S. strategy and foreign policy.—United Press.

Law By Wednesday

Washington, Mar. 10.

The Lease and Lend Bill, which was dramatically passed by the Senate on Saturday, is expected to become law by Wednesday at the latest.

The House of Representatives is likely to record its acceptance of the Senate's amendments on Tuesday, after which the Bill will be immediately placed before the President for signature.

Meanwhile, reports are current in the capital that a three-year programme of aid for Britain, involving the stupendous sum of $10,000,000,000 is being drafted as an immediate sequel to the Senate's approval of the Bill.—Reuter.

British Power Wins Soviet Praise

Stalin's Policy Believed Turning Gradually Due to Axis Losses in Africa

New York, Mar. 10.

Of special significance was the recent war comment by the Russian Army's official organ, the "Red Star," which emphasized the "immense increase" in British strength since last June and the difficulties confronting the Axis Powers.

The policy of M. Josef Stalin in dealing with the present international situation is adjusted to military conditions and certainly is influenced by such judgments as reach the columns of the "Red Star."

The publication throughout the war has been strictly realistic in its comment, which is understood to coincide with the opinions of the Russian High Command. It is indifferent to international political conditions in attempting to appraise the activities of the European belligerents.

Stalin's View

Thus, when the "Red Star" declares the German military machine has proved its inadequacy to overcome the water barrier of the British Isles and a "colossal force" would be required even to attempt an invasion, this opinion can be accepted as reflecting M. Stalin's own viewpoint. The undoubted meaning is that the Russians do not believe Chancellor Adolf Hitler can defeat the British by invasion tactics.

Furthermore, the "Red Star" pays high tribute to the skill of British generals in adapting themselves to new methods of warfare, especially in the North African campaign. It indicates the majority of foreign observers have been surprised at the boldness of British strategy for they attached little significance to the start of the North African offensive at Sidi Barrani.

The estimate of the "Red Star" that British control of the Mediterranean may be hampered but cannot be overcome by German intervention in the air is a further tribute to Britain's competence to meet new problems. That opinion is borne out by the decline in the intensity of German air raids over the Meiterranean due to probably both to heavy losses and to British bombing of the new German bases in Sicily.

Soviet Realism

The opinion of the "Red Star" that one third of the Italian Army has been immobilized by the Greek war shows Russia's realization of the major importance to the Fascists of the Albanian fighting. The further comment that, despite this proportion of Italian fighting strength, the Greeks retain the initiative and are pushing the Italians to the sea shows Russia's opinion of Italian military competence.

Neither Germany nor Italy can find any satisfaction in this latest Soviet review of the war. Attempts by the Totalitarian dictators to influence M. Stalin cannot go far while Moscow's present frame of mind continues.

Russia can never accept acquiescence to German control of Rumania and Bulgaria as a permanent policy.

M. Stalin must be alert to seize any opportunity to check the Axis in the southeast. He now apparently sees Great Britain more than holding her own and Rumania in confusion. He does not want to challenge the Germans in any belligerent way, but as trouble for Herr Hitler increases M. Stalin can subtly increase his pressure as he now seems to be doing.—United Press.

British in Batavia Warned

Batavia, Mar. 10.

The British Consulate, it was learned today, was issuing circulars to British subjects in the N.E.I. suggesting that they keep a moderate store of canned goods, petrol and money in the household in the event of an emergency.—United Press.

Shanghai Surprised by Heavy Thunderstorm

The heavy downpour of rain, which ceased shortly after midnight took Shanghai completely by surprise yesterday—the more so because it was complemented by heavy thunder and sharp lightning. Cinema-goers were in a bad position inasmuch as they were not prepared for such weather as they left the theatres. Those leaving their homes for night clubs similarly looked at the rain askance.

Siccawei apparently knew what was to be anticipated, reporting," rain in our regions."

British Press Hails Passage Of U.S. Bill

Berlin Says Roosevelt Now Enemy of Europe

London, Mar. 10.

Passing of the Lease-and-Lend Bill was the subject of a leading article in every national newspaper this morning.

The overwhelming majority by which the Senate passed the Bill on Saturday is described by "The Times" as "eloquent of the great movement in American feeling.

"It completely justifies the President's refusal to put pressure behind the Bill even when its opponents were most obstructive. If the Bill has been held up in the Senate longer than expected, it must not be thought this means a corresponding delay in the arrival of arms and equipment from the United States."

Approval of the Bill assures the world, declares the "Daily Telegraph," that a Hitler victory is impossible. "Under the Bill, the President obtains all the powers for which he asked to make the United States an arsenal of democracy with invincible output. "We have no cause to regret the time spent on the Senate debate.... Both the President and his people have made plain their determination that the help of the United States shall not come too late for this year's momentous campaigns, shall expand to meet any need and shall be maintained till victory."

Stream of Equipment

"At last, a stream of tanks, guns and aeroplanes to help us beat Hitler will begin to flow across the Atlantic," states the "Daily Mail." "President Roosevelt now sees fulfilment of the realistic policy he quietly initiated before the war began—defence of democracy through defence of Britain. The majority of two to one obtained in spite of bitter opposition, shows how far the United States has travelled under his wise leadership in the past nine months.

"There is nothing now to stop Britain receiving in an ever-rising flood an abundance of supplies which America's enormous productive capacity can turn out. Nothing—except the Atlantic. It is one thing to have goods waiting. It is another to get them across. Hitler's biggest aim now will be to sever these vital communications....We may need all the help the United States can give in the battle of the Atlantic.

Berlin Attacks Roosevelt

The Berlin press today severely attacks President Roosevelt, according to a message reaching London.

The "Berliner Boersen-Zeitung" says: "Roosevelt has decided to continue interference in Europe. Germany must now consider Roosevelt the enemy of Europe."

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" writes: "The Lease-and-Lend Bill proves that the American attitude is no longer of a defensive character but an offensive interference."—Reuter.

Administration Jubilant

Washington, Mar. 10.

Administration leaders yesterday were jubilant over Senate passage of the lend-lease bill and predicted machinery would immediately be instituted to accelerate provision whereby ships, planes and munitions would be sent to Britain, China and Greece.

[United Press.

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France Threatens to Use Fleet To Convoy Food Ships

Two Weeks Given Britain in Which to Change Stand; Darlan Says Starvation Facing Millions

Vichy, Mar. 10.

ADMIRAL Francois Darlan, Vice-Premier and concurrently Foreign and Navy Minister, in the presence of the Premier, Marshal Philippe Petain, today told American correspondents that he would order the French Fleet to escort food ships unless Britain "shows more comprehension" regarding the exceedingly serious food situation.

Admiral Darlan, however, denied that he already had ordered the fleet to escort the food vessels.

He said that he does not intend to protect the food ships in the next two weeks, but after that deadline he will be forced to do so in order to prevent the starvation of 40,000,000 Frensh people.

"In the hope of better understanding by England, I will not protect our food ships for the next few weeks," Admiral Darlan said.

"The Germans have proved by releasing 2,000,000 quintals of wheat earmarked for the army of occupation that they are more generous than the British, but I am still hopeful of more comprehensive and generous action by England."

Simultaneohsly, he announred that another French freighter was seized by the British south of Cape Town, making it the 14th since January and 108th since the armistice.

The Vice-Premier said that he had notified the American Ambassador to Vichy, Admiral William D. Leahy, regarding the acute food situation.

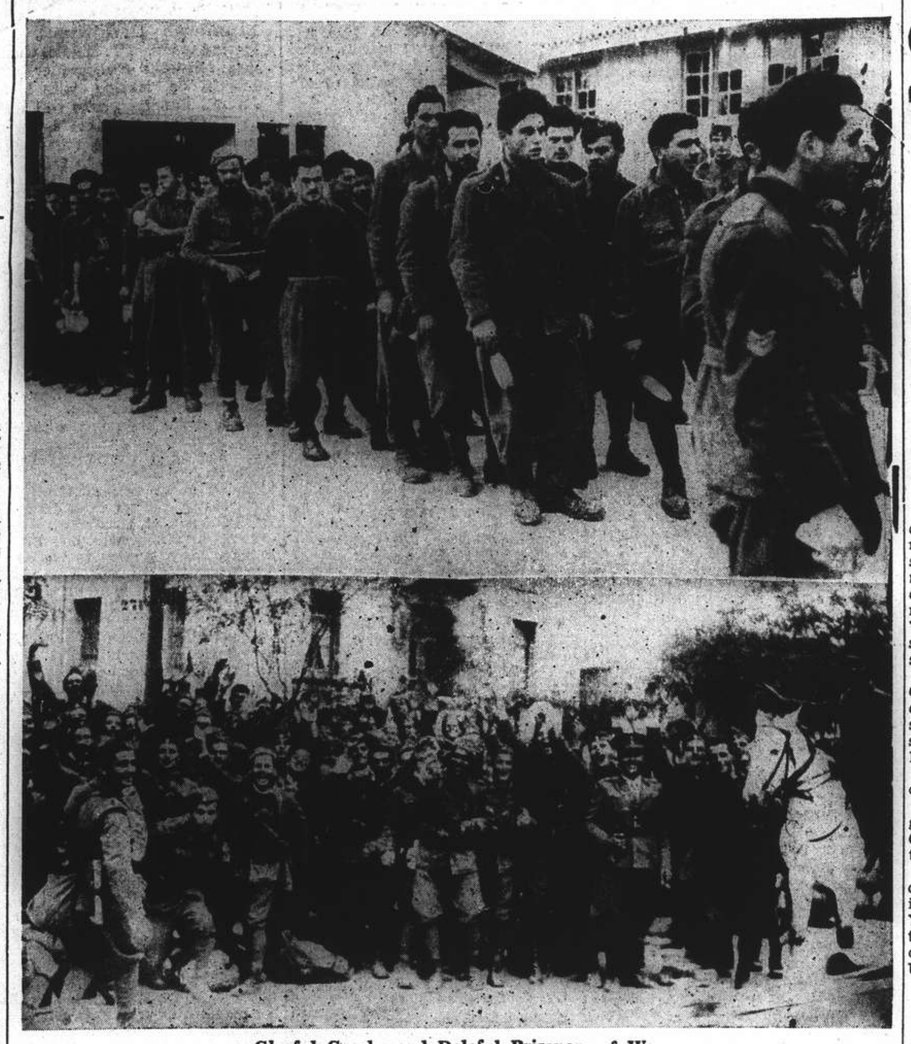
The British attempt to starve Germany, he added, was ineffective as shown by the fact that Germany was releasing 2,000,000 quintals of wheat out of 270,000,000 quintals to France.

Meanwhile, the long-awaited American gift-ship, Cold Harbour, the first American vessel to enter the Mediterranean in six months, arrived today at Marseilles, bringing US$500,000 worth of milk for babies and woollens, medicines and vitamin concentrates.

Scores of French school-children lined the dock, greeting the liner by waving American and French flags. But the deepest gratitude came from millions of mothers throughout the free zone. For weeks now they have had to close their ears to the cries of their children whose hunger could not be appeased by the terrible shortage of milk rations. The rations are barely enough to keep the babies alive.

Meanwhile, Admiral Leahy at Vichy announced that the third food ship within three weeks would arrive, but he did not mention whether it would bring oat meal, which the British Government refuses to allow to be loaded.

"The United States Government arranged recently that an American Red Cross ship, which the British Government has agreed to allow to pass through he blockade, should bring France some badly needed supplies for children and the sick," Admiral Leahy said.—United Press.



Gleeful Greeks and Doleful Prisoners of War

Giving the lie to the Italian claims of only small losses in their fighting in Albania are these pictures. Above are some of the thousands of Italian prisoners made captive by the Greeks in their drive into Albania. Below is a happy party of Greek soldiers preparing to leave Athens for the front.

Franco-Thai Accord To Be Signed This Afternoon

Complete Agreement of Views Said Reached After Arrival of Final Instructions from Vichy

Tokyo, Mar. 10.

TERMS of the Japanese mediation proposal for settlement of the Thailand-French Indo-China border dispute, will be initialled tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the official residence of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, as complete agreement of views was reached during an hour's meeting among French, Thai, and Japanese delegates.

The meeting, which was held at the official residence of the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, was devoted to discussion of terminology. Delegates at the meeting were Prince Varnvaidyakara Varavarn for Thailand, M. Charles Arsene-Henry for France, and Mr. Hajime Matsumiya for Japan.

Immediately after the meeting, the drawing up of formal documents to be signed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon tomorrow was launched by the Japanese Foreign Office staff under the direction of Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto, Director of the Treaty Bureau.

The momentous conference between delegates of the three countries was called following the meeting today at noon of M. Arsene-Henry and Mr. Matsuoka, to arrange the procedure for signing terms of the Japanese mediation proposal.

Final Instructions

The French envoy was understood to have sought the interview with the Foreign Minister under instructions from his home Government, which were expected hourly for the past day, and which have held up signing of the terms of the accord.

The French Embassy here late last night, it was reliably disclosed, received its final instructions from the Vichy Government regarding Japan's mediation proposal, but submission of the French reply could not be made immediately because of delay in decoding the message and study of the instructions.

It will be recalled that Bangkok's instructions to Thai delegates at Tokyo arrived Saturday night, and the only hitch in reaching an accord was the French delay.

Despite repeated delays, however, official optimism regarding Japan's first efforts at international mediation was unabated throughout the weekend.

Earlier today initialling of the accord was held possible this evening by well informed sources depending upon the character of the French answer to the final terms of mediation agreed upon locally.

90 Minutes

Mr. Otoji Saito, Secretary-General of the Tokyo Mediation Conference, and Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto, Director of the Treaty Bureau of the Foreign Office, also attended the Matsuoka-Arsene-Henry meeting which lasted for 90 minutes.

It was understood that a summary of the terms of mediation would be made public as soon as they are signed. Simultaneously, a joint communique by Japan, France and Thailand, as well as a review of the negotiations and a statement by Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka will be made public.

Two Franco-Thai treaties referring to French Indo-China, as well as three other pacts concluded between the two countries, it was understood, will be revised by the border redemarcation resultant from the Tokyo conference.

The affected pacts are the Treaty of October 3, 1893 by which Siam renounced all claims to territories on the west bank of the Mekong River, and the Treaty of March 23, 1907 under which Siam ceded Battambong and Sisophon to France. The three

[Reuter.

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Britain Rejects Hoover's Idea

Soup Kitchen for Europe Would Postpone the Day Of Victory

New York, Mar. 10.

Great Britain has rejected Mr. Herbert Hoover's proposed soup kitchen experiment in Belgium.

The British Embassy last night released a statement on the subject saying. "The British Government is satisfied that relief of countries in enemy occupation would, whatever the conditions might be, postpone the day of victory."

The British Government, the statement adds, has felt obliged "to reaffirm, its determination not to permit the blockade to be weakened or undermined by the admission of supplies from overseas into any territory under enemy control."

It would be "false humanitarianism," the statement asserts.

Mr. Hoover issued a reply simultaneously re-emphasizing sympathy for the British cause, but declaring that the food situation in the occupied countries "is far worse than the British statement would seem to indicate."

He felt that it "is no false humanity which saves the lives of countless children."—Reuter.

Laval Paper Angry

Vichy, Mar. 10.

The French press yesterday headlined the British Government's refusal to allow the U.S.S. Exmouth to bring 300 tons of oatmeal to occupied France.

"The British blockade has no pity for French children and invalids," said a headline in the "Moniteur," Clermont-Ferrand newspaper of M. Pierre Laval.

The papers featured the failure of the French Ambassador to Washington and Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to obtain authorization for the Exmouth to pass the blockade zone to occupied France.—United Press.

Blockade Discussed

New York, Mar. 10.

The Press is devoting many articles to the British blockade. The New York "Herald-Tribune" states that while the French Ambassador expressed his desire not to create a conflict between British and American shipping interests, he wanted to show his disappointment at the blocking of supplies intended for the children of a country who is suffering more than any other nation.

The New York "Times" recalls that a few days before the armistice France had sent several thousand tons of wheat to Britain.—Reuter.

Durazzo Battered By The R.A.F.

Athens, Mar. 10.

A severe battering was administered by the R.A.F. to the Albanian port of Durazzo on Saturday night. Explosions and large fires broke out in the harbour and among installations of the chief port for maintaining and supplying Italy's Albanian army. Fires were so fierce they could be seen 70 miles away, states a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in Greece. Another signal air victory was recorded on Sunday. Although much outnumbered a small formation of British fighters which encountered a large force of Italian bombers escorted by fighters shot down six fighters and one bomber and seriously damaged a number of others. —Reuter.

British Bombers Attack Calais

Big Sweep Over Coast of France; Fighters Follow In Waves

East Coast Town, Mar. 10.

Heavy squadrons of Royal Air Force bombers and fighters, converging from two directions, carried out an offensive sweep of northern France this morning.

The sound of exploding bombs and anti-aircraft batteries were heard plainly here, indicating that the attack was on a considerable scale.

Although it was misty over the French coast, some shore watchers claimed they saw tremendous flashes from there, followed by big vibrations on the English coast, indicating that the R.A.F. was using the heaviest type of bombs on the invasion ports. Calais apparently was one of the main objectives of the sweep.

Waves of fighters at a great height followed the bombers. Vapour trails stretched for miles through the sky. Explosions from the French coast continued for more than an hour.—United Press.

Iron Manufacturer Kidnapped

While travelling in a hire car, Mr. Chang Su-yao, 59-year old proprietor of the Chang Shih Kee Iron Factory in Penang Road was kidnapped last night in Gordon Road. The car was commandeered by the kidnappers who drove away with their victim and it was later found abandoned in the western district although no trace of the victim could be found.

Lull in Luftwaffe's Winter Work Attributed To Bad Weather

Many Aerodromes and Bases Reported Unserviceable During Wet, Cold Months of January, February

By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser

Special to the "N.C.D.N."

THE great importance of the recent series of offensive sweeps by the R. A. F. over northwestern France is emphasized in British air circles. At present the French side of the English Channel is "no man's air." Britain sends aircraft over the area in wide sweeps to make sudden attacks and then return home.

It is thought possible that the Germans will try the same tactics on the British side of the Channel. Britain claims no more than that the R. A. F. is systematically making bombing raids and that vital successes have been scored.

One of the new methods of attacking night raiders has just been disclosed. British night-fighters hover above the enemy's air bases in France shortly before the time when German planes are expected to return from their night offensives on Britain. They attack the enemy planes when they are about to land, making a good target in landing flares. This method also protects the attacking planes, since the raiders are between them and the ground defences. The bombing of runways is another method of making life difficult for German pilots returning from a raid.

Three Messerschmitts Downed

By day fighter forces have made similar raids. In a recent sweep three Messerschmitt 109s were shot down and another damaged. On another occasion fighters escorted a squadron of bombers in a raid on Calais docks, which were hit and damaged. Few enemy fighters ap-

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German-Yugoslav Pact To Be Signed Today

Belgrade, Moscow Expected to Issue Joint Declaration of Friendship at Same Time; Slight Postponement Said Possible

New York, Mar. 10.

YUGOSLAVIA and Russia are expected to issue a joint declaration of friendship simultaneously with the signing of a Yugoslav-German non-aggression pact, reports the Belgrade correspondent of the New York "Times" quoting circles close to the Yugoslav government.

A pact with Germany will be signed on Tuesday in Berlin and a Belgrade-Moscow declaration will be released in Belgrade, states the correspondent. The declaration has been held in abeyance for the "proper moment," he adds.—Reuter.

Belgrade, Mar. 10.

Usually reliable quarters here today reported that the signature of a non-aggression pact between Yugoslavia and Germany was set for tomorrow, but may be postponed for a day or two in connection with the new military measures undertaken by Yugoslavia. The military steps resulted in a redistribution of Yugoslav fighting forces.

Some quarters even suggested that German disapproval of the Yugoslav defence measures might be responsible for the postponement. Informed sources, however, said that regardless of any postponement, the accord certainly would be signed in a few days.

Foreign diplomats showed the greatest interest in both the Yugoslav-German negotiations and the simultaneous Yugoslav defence measures.

The special military moves, foreign diplomats said, were aimed at assuring that any emergency would find Yugoslavia able to put all forces in the field along a defence line which could best be held against attack.—United Press.

Full Traffic Resumes

Budapest, Mar. 10.

Despatches from Belgrade today reported that the director-general of Yugoslav railways announced that virtually full traffic, especially in connection with passenger trains, would be resumed on all lines this week, thus removing the limitation ordered on February 1.—United Press.

Turkey Cautious

Istanbul, Mar. 10.

War yesterday lapped the edges of Turkey with German troops on the Thracian border and German Stukas based on the Isle of Rhodes. Turkey steadily continued war preparations but carefully refrained from committing any anti-Nazi acts.

The law regulating the use of public transport by any allied forces which might come to Turkish soil, which was to have been introduced in the National Assembly, has been shelved according to the newspaper "Tan."

The pro-British newspaper "Yenisabah" was closed down one day because of an article expressing contempt for the German Army which is contrary to the press laws of Turkey.

Well informed diplomatic sources said Turkish policy was not due to any weakening of the alliance with Britain but to the fact that Turkey and Britain had agreed it was to the best interests of both to keep Turkey from war as long as possible. The policy was expected to be continued even if the Germans overrun Greece.

Dr. Refik Saydam, Premier probably will make a public address on Wednesday before the National Assembly while Dr. Sukru Sarajoglu, Foreign Minister, will make a secret speech at a People's Party meeting on Thursday, it was understood.—United Press.

British Minister Leaving

London, Mar. 10.

Mr. George Rendel, British Minister in Sofia, and the Legation staff are leaving Sofia for Istanbul by special plane today, according to official Yugoslav news agency report quoted by the Belgrade Radio.—Reuter.

Italians Given No Rest in Africa

British Drive Deeper Into Abyssinia; Thrust Carried In From North-West

Khartoum, Mar. 10.

British troops and Abyssinian patriots are giving the Italians no rest in their thrust from the north-west into the heart of Abyssinia, writes Reuters' Special Correspondent at Khartoum. Enemy forces in Eritrea are estimated at 40,000.—Reuter.

Italians Hard-pressed

London, Mar. 10.

The Italians in Abyssinia are still being pursued by Allied forces from the south-east and north-east, while Imperial troops who have been fighting their way from Italian Somaliland are now 150 miles inside the Abyssinian front, according to the latest reports from Africa.

At the same time, Abyssinian Patriot forces continue their advance south of Lake Tana and are pursuing the retreating enemy into the interior. These troops are pushing the Italians into the centre of Abyssinia, while other Imperial and Allied forces are cleaning up outlying positions.

The latest Cairo communique announces that British forces advancing from Italian Somaliland have captured the Italian post of Debra Dalli. A road through Debra Dalli leads to Harrar, 240 miles away. Harrar is an important city on the main road eastward from Addis Ababa and on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway.

Keren Bombed

In Eritrea, the Italians holding out at Keren have again been bombed by the R.A.F. The Italians holding this key town are practically surrounded by Allied forces, and their communications have been considerably damaged by bombs.

In North Africa, which has been relatively quiet, R.A.F. bombers have carried out a raid on the harbour of Tripoli and the railway line, and have also bombed Italian aerodromes in Tripolitania.—Reuter.

German Plane Crashes

Malta, Mar. 10.

A German Junkers bomber crashed and was burnt out in an early morning raid on Malta yesterday. The crew of four were killed.

The attack was carried out by planes intent on machine-gunning their targets. Some damage was done to Government property.

Three other alarms were sounded yesterday, but in the words of an official communique there "is nothing further to report."

No raid materialized last night after an alert was sounded.—Reuter.

Italians Give Dead In Africa As 78

Rome, Mar. 10.

The latest casualty list issued by Italian Headquarters gives Italian losses in North Africa as 78 dead, 98 wounded and 12,230 missing. The list states that on Greek fronts, Italian losses were 2,386 dead, 4,841 wounded and 5,590 missing.—Reuter.

N.E.I. Puts Shipping Under Admiralty

Men Not Allowed to Quit; Vital War Concern

Batavia, Mar. 10.

The Governor-General, in a decree today, proclaimed that shipping was a vital war industry and therefore its personnel was placed under the compulsory Civilian Service Act and not permitted to leave jobs.

He also placed shipping concerns under the Netherlands East Indies Admiralty.

Meanwhile, the Economic Affairs Ministry stated that all traffic in tobacco, cinnamon bark, coconut oil, capok seed oil, pepper and paraffin would be suspended for a month, permitting N.E.I. bottoms to concentrate on transporting tin, latex and rubber to the United States.

The Dutch Foreign Minister and the Minister of the Colonies were en route here from London to "confer with the Governor-General," it was announced today.—United Press.

Remains of Alfonso On Way to Spain

Nimes, Mar. 9.

The remains of ex-King Alfonso of Spain are now being taken from Italy to Spain by a special train which passed through Nimes during the night. The casket containing the former monarch's body is being accompanied by a number of high Spanish dignitaries.—Havas.

1940 Crime Increase Due to Unsettled Local Conditions

Gambling, Narcotic Dens, Semi-political Bodies In Western Area Said to Have Encouraged Crime

THE existence of gambling establishments in the Western area abutting on extra-Settlement roads outside the jurisdiction of the Municipal Police and the presence of semi political and other organizations functioning under various guises gave considerable encouragement to the criminal fraternity and accounted for the increase of crime in the Settlement. This was brought out in the third and concluding article of the 1940 annual report of the Municipal Police Force which was released yesterday for publication.

According to police records the lure of gambling dens was a decided incentive to crime particularly misappropriation, embezzlement and fraud, the proceeds of which were invariably dissipated at the gaming tables. Crime ranging from murder to petty extortion increased in the Settlement last year with the outside areas as a base or asylum from which the gangsters operated, the report stated. The year under review showed an increase of 3,133 crime cases over the 1939 figures and an increase of 2,495 arrests. The crime situation was aggravated last year by economic distress among the lower and middle classes of Chinese due partly to the abnormal conditions in the Yangtze Valley. The report among other things stated:

Crime

An increase of 3,133 over the 1939 figures is shown in the total number of cases of crime registered, and the number of persons arrested also shows an increase of 2,495. In connection with Serious Offences against the person, true cases of murder and armed kidnapping, particularly the latter, show high increase, due to a material degree to the unsettled political situation. In connection with armed robbery cases, an increase of 737 is shown as compared with 1939, whilst a considerable increase is shown in the offences of embezzlement, fraud or false pretences, burglary and housebreaking. Snatching and larceny cases also show high increases.

The percentage of convictions to persons sent for trial is 90.9 which shows that the high standard of efficiency in the preparation of cases has been maintained. The total value of property stolen shows an increase of 144.41 per cent. The actual loss covered by armed robberies is only 20.69 per cent. of the total figure, while the loss due to embezzlement, misappropriation and fraud accounts for 34.70 per cent. of the total. Burglary, snatching, pocketpicking and theft amount to 44.61 per cent.

Statistics for the year under review show a total of 30,980 cases registered as against 27,847 cases in 1939, 19,064 cases in 1938, 19,558 in 1937 and 20,473 in 1936. Investigation was refused in 644 cases for various reasons, leaving, with all cases pending from 1939, a total of 30,747 cases for investigation. Of these cases 2,838 were found on investigation to be false or due to mistake of fact, and 28,144 cases of true crime were therefore dealt with as compared with 23,856 in 1939. This figure does not include 409 cases which were pending at the end of the year. Convictions were obtained in 13,697 cases, a percentage of 48.66 as against a percentage of 52.87 in 1939, 56.44 in 1938, 55.09 in 1937 and 57.14 in 1936. The number of cases remaining undetected at the end of the year was 13,530 showing a percentage of 48.07 as against a percentage of 42.38 in 1939, 36.76 in 1938, 38.49 in 1937 and 37.99 in 1936.

Kidnapping

In almost every case of kidnapping the victims were believed to have been held in Chinese controlled territory, and motor-cars were used by the kidnappers. Six cases occurred during the hours of darkness and 76 in daylight.

A total of 137 reports of receipts of threatening letters are recorded as against 159 recorded in 1939, 148 recorded in 1938, 82 recorded in 1937 and 120 recorded in 1936. The majority of letters contained demands for money by threats of violence and the writers invariably claimed political affiliations.

Eighty persons were arrested for these offences, of whom 45 were convicted, 4 being on remand at the end of the year.

During the year under review reports were received of the depositing or throwing of bombs or other explosive missiles at persons, dwelling-houses, shops, and other premises with the object of intimidation and for purposes of extortion. In three cases one person was killed and 35 persons injured. Slight damage only was done to property.

The population of the International Settlement is estimated at 2,500,000.

Stolen Property

The total value of property stolen amounted to $9,306,296.09 as against $3,807,583.80 in 1939, $2,106,924, 78 in 1938, $1,657,335.31 in 1937 and $1,329,-860.67 in 1936. The total value of property recovered amounted to $2,-787,678.63, which gives a recovery percentage of 29.95 as against a percentage of 25.69 in 1939, 31.22 in 1938, 33.20 in 1937 and 28.12 in 1936. The amount of property recorded as stolen in cases of embezzlement and fraud, and which may be termed non-preventable crime from the police point of view, totalled $3,229,624.07 or 34.70 per cent. of the value of property stolen during the year. In addition to the above figures, property to the value of $78,777.18 was recovered in connection with cases reported in the

Extra-Settlement Roads

previous years.

The situation in the extra-Settlement roads area in the Western District showed no improvement both in regard to illegal enterprises and serious crime. At the end of the year, ten gambling dens, 42 opium hongs and about 100 Hwo Wei lottery dens were operating in this area.

The number of refugees and that of the refugee camps in the Settlement were gradually reduced during 1940. In January there were 29 camps housing a total of 32,241 refugees, but these were reduced at the end of the year to 11 camps and 13,570 refugees.

Ellen Drew seriously is thinking of taking up a heavy course in physical training as part of her screen career. At least if she gets any more parts like her latest two. Five husky heavyweights punched the 102-pound actress around all day long for a scene in Paramount's thrill picture, "D. O. A." And "Reaching for the Sun" finds Ellen right in the middle of a riot involving 100 men.

Japanese Move Out Of Kwangtung

Evacuation Completed After Severing Chinese Trade Routes

Canton, Mar. 10.

Japanese Army forces which evacuated coastal transportation points in southern Kwangtung Province yesterday, after having accomplished their objective in cutting off various Chungking trade routes, had "almost" completed their withdrawal yesterday afternoon, the press bureau of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to South China announced in a communique issued last evening.

The communique revealed that Japanese troops were massed aboard a vast transport armada off the shore of Kwangtung. "Flags proudly flying from a forest of masts eloquently speak of victory," the communique stated, adding that aerial observation showed that no Chinese troops had yet returned to the points evacuated by the Japanese.

Meanwhile, it was understood that vast quantities of military supplies, as well as Chungking-bound commodities which were seized during the raiding operations along the 400-kilometre strip of the South China coast, have been confiscated and placed aboard Japanese vessels.

Stores of Chungking-bound supplies have been systematically disposed of, with the goods either removed or destroyed if found too bulky for transportation, it was announced.

"Vast Booty"

A spokesman for the South China Army, after pointing out the difficulty in transporting such "vast quantities of booty" within six days after a landing, declared that the successful removal of the seized goods showed the extent of the careful Japanese preparations.

The speedy achievement of the Japanese plans "demonstrates how the operations were carried out promptly and in an orderly manner," the spokesman said, adding that the evacuation was carried out "not without any interference from the Chinese, but without even hearing a single shot."

The spokesman admonished Chungking against "resorting to its habitual and favourite campaign of lies by claiming that the Japanese troops had been driven out" as "such lies will have an adverse effect by further diminishing the world's confidence in Chungking's propaganda which cannot refute the unshakeable truth that the Japanese operations have been crowned with success."—Domei.

Kunming Outskirts Bombed

At a Japanese Naval Air Base Mar. 10.

Japanese naval aircraft yesterday subjected warehouses in the outskirts of Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, to a several bombardment, the Press bureau of the Japanese South China Fleet announced in a communique issued last night. All raiding craft returned to their bases safely after "causing extensive damage," the announcement stated.

A crack unit of the Japanese naval Yangtze flying force yesterday afternoon raided Poyang, Kiangsi Province, demolishing military godowns on the Chang River bank and machine-gunning a small military steamer and more than 20 junks on the river, the press section of the Japanese Central China Seas Fleet announced this morning. The Japanese raiders suffered no damage, according to the announcement.—Domei.

Chinese Bomb Japanese

Chungking, Mar. 10.

One squadron of Chinese bombers yesterday afternoon heavily raided Japanese positions in the vicinity of Ichang, according to an official announcement.

All aircraft returned safely, it is added. Twelve Japanese aircraft yesterday bombed a point west of Kumming.

"It is another indication of the failure of Japanese attempts to blockade China," stated a Chinese military spokesman commenting on the Japanese withdrawal from ports in south Kwangtung.

He pointed out that the Japanese occupation of Shayuchung was an attempt to cut communications between Hongkong and Shaokwan, while landing in south Kwangtung was an attempt to check smuggling through Kwangchowwan.—Reuter.

British Soldiers Fire On Chinese

Hongkong, Mar. 10.

British sentries in the New Territories on Saturday night fired on a gang of suspicious Chinese, killing one and capturing another, the military authorities announced today. The Chinese acted suspiciously close to pill boxes and when they were challenged by a military patrol they fled. The troops opened fire and shot and killed one. Another was captured after a chase, the British military authorities said. The military authorities have instituted night patrols for the purpose of suppressing thefts in the border area.—United Press.

★Passage of Bill Pleases Britain

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Senate approval by a two to one vote was interpreted in most quarters as an overwhelming mandate to the Administration to proceed speedily and arrange industrial and agricultural production and procurement to meet the needs of all embattled Democracies.

All sources agreed that Britain's needs would be considered first and thereafter those of China and Greece.

The Administration guarded most closely specific plans implementing the lend-lease bill but Senator Alben W. Barkley, Upper House Majority leader, said the next step would doubtless be an appropriation measure carrying funds for procurement of various defence materials for transfer to and exchange with Britain.

Speculation Rages

Some informed sources predicted that the Administration would ask between US$1,000,000,000 and US$3,-000,000,000 in the first appropriation measure but meanwhile, under authority granted by the bill, would immediately provide supplies for Britain from the United States own military establishment.

The President's authority to transfer military equipment to Britain is limited only by the requirements that firstly, he must consult the Chief of the Army Staff and the Chief of Naval operations before the transfer and secondly, the total value of the transfer may not exceed US$1,309,-000,000.

Such transfers may be accomplished—as soon as the bill finally is approved by the House of Representatives and signed by the President, both of which are expected within two or three days—without awaiting further Congressional action on appropriations.

Chief Needs

Best informed sources predicted that the most pressing British needs at the present moment are merchant tonnage, destroyers, guns and possibly food. They said that the obvious need of planes already is being met as speedily as production permits and that the United States would be unlikely to turn a considerable number of warplanes now in U.S. service to Britain since it would interfere with the U.S. Far Eastern policy which depends largely on the availability of a superior air force in the Pacific.

Nevertheless, as the law provides authority for immediate transfer of US$1,300,000,000 worth of supplies now on hand most informed sources believed the Administration would avail itself of this authority to strengthen Britain immediately where Britain is weakest—in air transport and communications.

Informed sources felt there would be little opposition to immediate transfer of all available merchant tonnage. The possibility also loomed of some additional transfers of destroyers.—United Press.

Immediate Steps Seen

New York, Mar. 10.

Immediate effective action as soon as the President signs the Lease and Lend Bill is predicted by radio commentators and paper here.

The Washington correspondent of the New York journal "American" says: "President Roosevelt is prepared to speed up aid for Britain by turning over $1,000,000,000 worth of warships, freighters, aeroplanes, tanks, guns, ammunition, food and other supplies immediately after signing the Bill. Within a week, it is reported, he will ask Congress for $5,000,-000 in cash and $5,000,000 in contractural authority for British aid.—Reuter.

Hitler Victory Impossible

Miami, Mar. 9.

Passage of the Lend-Lease Bill by Congress has made victory for Hitler "impossible," the Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, declared here today. Col. Knox added that the bill gives to the President the power he needs to send vital assistance to England.—Domei.

Italians Condemn Bill

Rome, Mar. 10.

Rome's Sunday morning newspapers condemned passage of the lend-lease bill by the United States Senate as "complete negation of all U.S. interests."

"La Domenica" wrote that the "United States masses openly condemn President Roosevelt's foreign policy" but the Senate passed the bill anyway, adding however, that "the people are beginning to clearly foresee the dangerous consequences The lend-lease law is a total negation of all national interests and only fits into the aims of a small group of profiteers."—United Press.

Spain Impressed

Madrid, Mar. 10.

The United States Senate's approval of the Lease and Lend Bill gets big headlines in Sunday's Spanish newspapers.

Spaniards are now awaiting with interest to see whether there is any truth in statements that American help would come too late, which have been given much publicity here. These statements have been recalled by a categorical announcement by Dr. Joseph Goebbels, German Minister of Propaganda, to Spanish and other correspondents. "I affirm again that before the year is over Germany will finish the war. An attack on England will be carried out in an exorable manner when the weather is sufficiently favourable."

These statements were given even greater prominence by the newspaper A.B.C. than the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill, but elsewhere this newspaper publishes an article in heavy type concerning Britain's formidable anti-invasion defences, thus giving perhaps an unintentional answer to Goebbels

The same article says that thousands of life-belts have been distributed to huge forces of German troops in northern France, who daily practise disembarkation exercises.—Reuter.

Aid to China

Washington, Mar. 10.

Government sources yesterday declined to disclose the extent of aid to China contemplated by the Administration but Far Eastern experts interpreted Congressional approval of the lend-lease bill as a mandate to aid China the same as Britain.

Observers especially noted that the Senate overwhelmingly rejected a proposed amendment to confine United States aid to Britain, Greece and Canada. Most informed sources believed the Administration would await the return of Dr. Lauchlin Currie, administrative assistant to President Roosevelt, who is en route here from an inspection trip to Chungking, before formulating specific details relative to the scale of U.S. aid to China.

Some informed sources suggested that Mr. Currie might be made a member of an inner council or a super-agency which would determine the extent and direction of the aid to Democracies programme.

Whether the programme would involve an attempt to run the Japanese blockade—not prohibited because no war has been declared there—or would merely increase shipments through Burma has not yet been decided.—United Press.

Germany Awaits Mr. Matsuoka

Importance Attached to Coming Visit; Parleys In Moscow Anticipated

Berne, Mar. 9.

Considerable importance is being attached in Berlin to the impending visit to the German capital of Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" reports.

Since Mr. Matsuoka will pass through Moscow on his way to Germany, it is wondered in neutral circles in Berlin whether the occasion will not be taken advantage of for starting Russo-Japanese negotiations.

As for the conversations Mr. Matsuoka is to have in Berlin, they will probably refer to an eventual extension of the European and Far Eastern hostilities, the correspondent concluded.—Havas.

★Franco-Thai Agreement

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others are the Franco-Siamese Treaty of Amity and Commerce signed on February 14, 1925; the Paris Treaty signed between the two countries on August 26, 1926, and the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation signed at Paris on December 7, 1937.—Domei.

Diet to Hear Report

Tokyo, Mar. 10.

The Diet which recessed March 1 on completion of its business decided to reconvene March 15 to hear the Government report on the successful Japanese mediation of the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute.

The Upper House will meet at 10 o'clock in the morning, while the Lower House will gather at one o'clock in the afternoon.

It was understood Premier Prince Fumimari Konoye will make a general review of the Japanese mediation, while Vice-Foreign Minister Chuichi Ohashi will give a detailed account on the origin of the Franco-Thai dispute, also reviewing the situation up to the Tokyo mediation conference.—Domei.

Hanoi Pessimistic

Hanoi, Mar. 10.

"The Tokyo conversations are proceeding without much success although the Japanese Press continues to assure that an agreement has been reached on main points and that only detailed matters are to be settled," states a communique issued by the headquarters of the Governor-General, Vice-Admiral Decoux.

"In fact it seems after several alternatives that we are proceeding again not towards equitable mediation but towards a forced arbitrage," states the announcement.—Reuter.

Japanese Bomber Crashes

Saigon, Mar. 10.

A Japanese bomber crashed and severely damaged its undercarriage and wings yesterday when it landed on the Saigon airfield from Tongking.

There are some 400 Japanese planes stationed at the Japanese airfield in Tongking, reliable sources said. Recent Japanese attacks on the Burma Road and Kunming were carried out by some of the planes stationed at the Japanese aerodrome in Tongking.—United Press.

Thai's Appreciation

Bangkok, Mar. 10.

Thailand "forever" will remember Japan's friendly efforts to bring the Tokyo Mediation Conference to an amicable solution, Luang Bipul Songgram, Prime Minister of Thailand, declared on the eve of the expected signing of the accord embodying the result of the Tokyo conference.

Declaring that Thailand has given Japan a "carte blanche" since the beginning of the Tokyo conference, "reposing implicit confidence in Japan's sense of justice," Prime Minister Songgram added, "I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the just and friendly attitude maintained by Japan toward Thailand."

Sir Geoffrey Northcote, Governor of the British Crown Colony of Hongkong, conferred with Sir Josiah Crosby, British Minister to Thailand, on his way to his post after a visit to England it was revealed here today. Sir Geoffrey left for Singapore by air last Friday.—Domei.

Matsuoka Reports to Emperor

Tokyo, Mar. 10.

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, proceeded to the Palace at 10.30 today and reported to the Emperor regarding the latest developments in diplomatic negotiations.—Reuter.

May Robson's Career

May Robson who will be seen shortly in "Texas Rangers Ride Again". She is now in her 77th year and has accomplished 50 years of film acting. In 1890, she was helping in the career of that primitive mechanism known as the Vitascope, a name connected with the early career of Mary Pickford.

Then Miss Robson gave the movies a rest for quite a long time, indeed until 1916 when she appeared with Flora Finch in a comedy called "A Night Out." Since then she has held on to the screen or the screen has held on to her, recognizing her as its particular matriarch. According to rumour, she used to dandle Mr. Cecil B. de Mille on her knee when he was a child.

Mr. Biddle Leaving For London

New York, Mar. 10.

Mr. Drexel Biddle, recently-appointed United States Ambassador to the exiled Belgian Government in London and Minister to the Norwegian and Netherlands Governments, is leaving today. Mr. Biddle, who was formerly Ambassador in Poland, is leaving with Mr. Averell Harriman, who will act as President Roosevelt's personal representative regarding all matters relating to facilitation of material aid to the British Empire.—Reuter.

★Lull in Aid Raids During Winter

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peared and the only opposition was from anti-aircraft batteries.

On a larger scale was a raid by many bombers escorted by well over 100 British fighters. The targets were docks at Boulogne. Barges moored alongside quays were attacked and three enemy fighters were destroyed by Spitfires and Hurricanes. This does not mean, however, that Britain is immediately passing to the offensive across the channel That would be exaggerated in view of the relatively small development of the attacks.

The modest opinion prevails here, too, that the big winter lull in the Nazi air activity has been due to the bad weather, and not the lack of hitting power of the Luftwaffe. No strategic or tactical considerations are involved. Not only were the aerodromes of northern France unserviceable due to snow, flood and fog, but the actual flying weather made systematic action impracticable.

Severe Gales and Snow

The importance of the weather must be considered in all its bearings The mere fact that it is a fine day or clear night in one particular place does not guarantee good operational weather elsewhere. Britain and Europe generally experienced a great deal of snow during the winter, together with severe gales. In addition to these local conditions over either the aerodromes or targets concerned created an enforced lull.

The weather, and not policy, determined the respite. It was not a recurrence of the lull which presaged the German drives on Paris. It did not hide the details of the preparations of a new and terrific offensive although it undoubtedly hid the wastage in craft and crews. The German air force suffered heavy casualties as a result of the weather, and greater caution was exercised.

During the bad weather, also, a number of German units were sent back to the Reich for overhaul and, perhaps, rearmouring, including the fitting of armour plates for the protection of pilots. The lull was a time to "make and mend," rather than a strategic preparation.

So much for the winter months. In making their spring and summer plans, it must be known that the German commanders have above all to consider the failure of the day bomber.

In August and September, 1939, the German Luftwaffe had great success against countries without organized air defences and adequate fighter forces. An immense air superiority was speedily established in Poland. Fighter opposition was quickly overcome. The Germans had the air to themselves and day bombers met with little opposition.

The same thing happened in France, although the achievment was more difficult. France had larger forces than Poland and Britian had a fighter force there which fought itself to a standstill. Yet numerical superiority and weight of material finally achieved supremacy in the air.

German Lesson at Dunkirk

At Dunkirk the Germans learned what the position would be when they opposed a fighter force of sufficient size with good equipment. They suffered heavy losses at Dunkirk, and in the following period Britain was able to repair and replace wastage, so that when the Battle over Britain started the fighter force was in good shape. The Germans came up against a force of excellent quality on familiar territory with all the facilities essential to its operation.

From this it seems clear that the day of day bombers has gone, at any rate when it is used as an independent weapon of attack. It may still have its uses in landfighting at short range when protected by fighters.

It must return to the part to which the Germans originally allocated it, that is, for co-operation with a land army. The increasing efficiency of the offensive and defensive measures against night bombers, and the extinction of day bombers as an important threat to British cities, mark two noteworthy developments in air strategy and demonstrate that the Luftwaffe loses much of its power and prestige once it meets with real opposition.

Attempted Murder of Money-lender

Assailed by Three Men; Shot and Stabbed

Mr. Wang Shing-yi, Shantung money-lender is lying in the Lester Chinese Hospital in a critical condition with a bullet wound in his back and two knife injuries in his right leg as a result of a murderous attack by three unidentified men last night at his home at 205 Pakhoi Road. All assailants escaped and Chinese sources believed that the assault was an act of revenge.

The attack was done at about 7 p.m. just after he had finished his supper. Mr. Wang was strolling in the central hall of his house when three men made their sudden appearance. Without giving an explanation, one of the men fired three shots point-blank, but only one took effect piercing Wang's back.

The victim was able to run into the house but before he could reach an inner room another man dashed up from behind and stabbed his right leg twice with a knife. The men escaped during the confusion. Aged 59, Mr. Wang is a silk merchant and a money-lender giving financial aid to small merchants and hawkers at a very high interest known in Chinese circles as the *ying tze* money-lender.

Greeks Repulse Italian Forces

Violent Counter Attacks Thrown Back with Heavy Losses; Prisoners Taken

London, Mar. 10.

The Greeks are looking "with confidence to the administrative speed for which American executives are rightly famed," said the announcer on the Athens Radio last night commenting on the passage of the Lease-Lend Bill by the United States Senate.

"We are sure," he added, "that effective material help for Greece in her struggle will be immediately forthcoming."

Greeks Capture 3,000

The Athen Radio last night confirmed that the Greeks had captured more than 3,000 Italian officers and men during the last two days' fierce fighting in the central sector of the Albanian front.

The announcer added that booty of all kinds was captured, and he paid a tribute to the bravery of Greek troops in attacking a fortified mountainside, where there were many dangerous crevices.

He said the rapidity of Greek manœuvres took the enemy by surprise and literally paralyzed the Italians.

This latest action is described in Athens as the most important action since the capture of Klissura. Although the Italian positions were situated on high ground, they fell to the Greeks one after the other.—Reuter.

Greek Premier Confident

Athens, Mar. 10.

For the first time in a public statement, the Premier, M. Korisis, in a defiant tone declared yesterday in a speech to Athens workers, "We are certain the conflict commencing on October 28 will be pursued with the same heroism and endurance and will terminate in triumph for morality and justice." Referring to the late Premier, Gen. Metaxas, the Premier added. "He gave his unique will and firm determination in this cruel but sacred conflict a determination never to cede the aggressor a single metre of our sacred soil."

Mussolini Visited Albania

Signor Mussolini visited the Italian forces in Albania recently, according to statements made by Italian prisoners, who added that Il Duce received a despairing account of the present position from Gen. Cavallero, the Italian Commander-in-Chief.

There is at present no confirmation, however, of these reports, Newspapers basing their claims on the stories of prisoners assert that three Fascist leaders have been killed during the fighting in Albania, the Minister for Education, Signor Botai, the Under-Secretary for Corporations, Signor Cianetti, and the Deputy, Signor Nitti.—Reuter.

China's Imports From U.S. Increasing

Heaviest Chinese Exports Going to America

Tokyo, Mar. 9.

Though Japan still maintains first place among the countries from which China imports, the trend indicates, however, that this country is becoming increasingly dependent upon the United States, according to the "Oriental Economist."

Compared with figures for 1939, when Japan's exports to China amounted to some 23.4 per cent. of the latter's total imports, the amount for 1940 dropped to 22.8 per cent., while China's imports from the United States totalled 21.3 per cent of all her imports, against only 15.9 per cent. in 1939.

India occupies third place, followed by Indo-China, whose exports to China jumped to 6.7 per cent. in 1940 from 2.1 per cent. in the previous year.

Among the countries to which China exported, the United States tops the list with 26.8 per cent., followed by Great Britain with 10 per cent., and Japan with 6.4 per cent.—Havas.

German Air Force Raids London

Damage, Casualties Not As Great as on Previous Attacks Last Saturday

London, Mar. 10.

For the second straight night, German raiders last night and early today pounded the London area and again caused serious damage and casualties.

There were three warnings, the last coming at 2 a.m. today and lasting only fifteen minutes, the shortest of the three alarms.

One south coast town was the target of a concentrated attack shortly after dusk yesterday. Anti-aircraft guns went into heavy action and the sound of furious machine-gunning indicated that night fighters also hampered the raiders.

Further along the coast there was heavy gunfire from batteries on the French coast. Houses along the British coast were shaken, although there was no warning sounded for "shell fire" in the Dover area.

While the London area again was the main target of the German attacks, the damage and casualties did not approach the figures of Saturday night.

The Air Ministry said that bombs also were dropped on the home counties and the south coast and "damage was done at a number of points in these areas, but nowhere very extensive. Casualties during the night were not numerious."—United Press.

Small Scale

London, March 10.

Following the sharp German air attack on London on Saturday night, activity by the Luftwaffe over Britain in daylight yesterday was on a small scale, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs dropped on a few points in the south-east shortly after dawn caused very little damage and no serious casualties. Some damage was done by single aircraft which dropped bombs in eastern England in the afternoon. A small number of people was killed, but casualties were not numerous.

German aircraft are reported to have made a daylight sortie in formation to the south-east coast early in the day, but appeared to have dispersed and retired after meeting a terrific anti-aircraft barrage.

It is stated that the R.A.F. destroyed 50 enemy planes last week over Britain, the Continent and the Middle East while losing 16 themselves.

It is authoritatively learned that nine German aircraft were lost over and around Britain during the week ended midnight March 8-9—one on March 2, three on March 3, three on March, 4, and two on March 8. All except one were bombers. Britain lost one fighter during the same period.

Nazi People Warned

The Nazi Radio last night broadcast an urgent appeal to German householders to blackout houses even more carefully than in the past. It further warned people to keep water and sand handy and to have dugouts in readiness.—Reuter.

Huge Nazi Claims

A German communique claims that 18,000 tons of enemy shipping were sunk by submarines. German planes are said to have sunk a 10,000-ton ship near St. George's Canal and two large ships south-east of Scotland. Fires were started in the London docks area and aerodromes were attacked.

The German wireless claims that 250,000 tons of merchant shipping and five British destroyers have been sunk since February 25.

British sources state that the R.A.F. lost 16 planes last week and brought down 34 German and 16 Italian planes.—Reuter.

New cotton articles containing a lot of dressing should be soaked overnight in salted water before being washed.

P.W.D. Coolies Resume After Short Strike

Two-Day Dispute Ended; Labour Situation Better

The P.W.D. strike ended yesterday morning when the coolies, who had been on strike since Saturday morning when they barricaded Messrs. G. W. Morris and V. A. Borzenko in the office of the P.W.D. Depot in Dixwell Road, returned to work. Two other strikes were settled yesterday, one at the Great Eastern Engineering Works at 849/146 Seymour Road. The other dispute was at the Tung Hwa Paint Co. in Hart Road.

The dispute at the P.W.D. Dixwell Road depot originated on Saturday morning when coolies, engaged by the day, walked out, demanding that they be given more working days in the month. In the course of the trouble, they barricaded the two foreigners, but released them an hour later.

The strike at the Great Eastern Engineering flared up on Friday morning when 120 workers of the concern stopped working because their demands for larger allowances had been turned down. A similar dispute was reported from the Tung Hwa Paint Co. where 40 workers struck. Both strikes were settled yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, drivers of small Chinese garages were still awaiting a reply to their demands for an increase of twenty cents a day. Four garages, it is reported, have agreed to the demands, but three have so far refused to comply. In this connection, a further meeting between the managements and chauffeurs was called for yesterday. The result was not known, but it was believed that a way would be found to avoid a strike.

The assistants of two small Chinese medicine shops returned to work on Sunday morning after being on strike for several days. The origin of the dispute was the usual demand for more pay.

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Kidnappers Shot In Pootung

New Regime's General to Enforce Law and Order in Area He Controls

Two officers formerly working under General Ting Shih-shan operating in Pootung as the commander of the Provisional 13th Division of the Nanking régime, were executed by a firing squad on Sunday night by order of General Ting himself, as the officers were found guilty of kidnapping Dr. Ting Zong-yin, the 52-year old well-known Chinese doctor who was kidnapped in his own car on February 24 in front of his residence and office at 4 Golden City Villa in Bubbling Well Road.

The execution was reported yesterday by the new régime's organ, the "Central China Daily News," which stated that following the release of Dr. Ting effected by General Ting's picked men, the two officers recently dismissed by the general were arrested in Pootung. A telegram was sent to Nanking asking for permission to shoot the criminals and after an order had been received they were shot at Peh Chiao (Pootung) where the head quarters of the General Ting are located.

Down on Lawlessness

It was indicated in the report that the kidnappers carried Dr. Ting to Pootung and wanted to collect a big ransom. General Ting became angry as soon as he received the information, as he is determined never to allow lawlessness to prevail in the territory under his garrison. He became all the more indignant when he learned that the ringleaders of the gang were his former subordinates and at once led his men in person to make the arrests, it was said.

P.W.D. Issue Report For February

97,991 Persons Visit Municipal Parks

There were 97,991 persons, who visited the Municipal parks and children's gardens last month, with Jessfield Park and the zoological Gardens taking first place with a total of 58,890 persons admitted by season tickets and 4,248, who brought admission tickets, according to the report for February of the Public Works Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Work has been commenced on the Isolation Hospital, 63 Great Western Road including alterations to the permanent building and two huts and the erection of an additional hut.

During the month under review the mortuary and inquest room on Hart Road were completed and the building opened for use. Leased premises for the police department total 264, comprising three police stations, 110 houses, 149 flats, a block of quarters for married and single men and a billet for the Russian Auxiliary Detachment while thirteen premises are leased for other departments including two branch health offices, a foreign isolation hospital (temporary), the public library, office for director of Chinese Studies, seven schools and one hostel. During the month three premises were vacated and an existing lease renewed.

The relaying and extension of the north side drain in Amherst Avenue is in progress and another 200 feet of nine inch pipes and 750 feet of eighteen inch pipes have been laid. The extension of the main drain in Tunsin Road, east of Keswick Road, has been completed and a further length of 1,200 feet have been laid.

The raising with broken bricks and ashes and reconstruction with water-bound macadam of Keswick Road between Tunsin and Brenan Road is in progress and an area of 53,020 square feet of broken brick have been laid. Along the newly completed length of tar-macadam roadway in Tunsin Road west of Great Western Road, 33,600 square feet of footpath have been raised. To the west of this length the raising and reconstruction of the carriageway is going on and an area of 3,663 square feet of water-bound macadam have been laid.

Three More Arrested For Car Thefts

Four Russians to Appear Before Court on Saturday

Three more Russians, K. Feder, A. Rachek and B. Savchenko, were arrested by the French Police on suspicion of having participated in motor car thefts together with A. Kashin, an ex-employee of the "Evening Echo," who has been under detention since Saturday morning. The quartet will face the Second Special District Court, but it is understood that the police will ask that the case be adjourned pending further investigations.

The four men, it is said, have been long suspected of having perpetrated the thefts. Several cars, in the past few months, had been reported stolen and investigations leading to the arrest of the men, were begun by detectives from the French Police.

Kashin, it may be recalled, is quite well known to the police forces of Shanghai, having been tried on one occasion in connection with the huge forgery case involving Joseph Ionin.

It is said that in addition to his job at the evening paper, Kashin has also been connected with the South Manchurian Railway. Evidence collected by detectives of the French Police showed that the cars had been stolen in Shanghai and then sold in Nanking.

Of the three newly arrested suspects, Peder has been employed as watchman by the French Club, Radhek is a motor car salesman, while Savchenko has a long criminal record. They will all face court on Saturday morning.

Nazis Demand 600 Tons Of Poultry from Vichy

Vichy, Mar. 10.

The free zone of France has been called upon to deliver approximately 600 tons of poultry to the occupied zone and German officials. Severe restrictions on poultry consumption in the free zone therefore are necessary in order to avoid complete depletion of poultry stocks, said authoritative quarters.—United Press.

Anglo-Spanish Trade Treaty Signed

Madrid, Mar. 9.

An Anglo-Spanish Trade Treaty was signed here today by Senor Carceller, the Spanish Minister for Trade and Industry, and Sir Samuel Hoare, the British Ambassador to Spain. In accordance with the provisions of this treaty, Spain will deliver 12,000 bottles of mercury and 800,000 cases of oranges to Great Britain, in return for which Spain will obtain wheat and rubber from Great Britain's colonies.—Havas.

Sequel to Strange Discovery

Inquest Held on Body of Indian Found on Feb. 23, In Mutilated Condition

Two cleavage marks in the ground close to the head of the mutilated body of an Indian, which was found in the Western District on the morning of February 23, indicate that some of the wounds were inflicted while the body was lying on the ground, according to the evidence of Detective Sergeant H. E. Greenfield at the inquest held on the body of Baga Singh by H. M. Coroner, Mr. C. H. Haines in H. M. Police Court yesterday afternoon. As the police enquiries had not been completed the proceedings were adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18.

Sergeant Greenfield stated that information was given to the Bubbling Well police station on the morning of February 23, by Mr. E. N. Swann that at about 8 a.m. the same morning he had seen the dead body of an Indian on Rubicon Road, about 200 yards north of Hungjao Road. After obtaining the assistance of the Japanese military authorities witness went to the scene and saw the body which has since been identified as that of Baga Singh, a Sikh. Two members of the city government police force were on guard witness said, adding that he found a five cent coin lying besides the body.

Asked by the Coroner if there were any signs of a struggle, witness replied that the turban was partly off the Indian's head and there were two cleavage marks three inches long on the ground near the head of the body which might have been caused by a chopper or hatchet indicating that some of the wounds were inflicted while the body was lying on the ground. There was not much bleeding he said, and photographs were taken before the body was removed after the Municipal police succeeded in obtaining permission from an officer attached to the Japanese military forces.

Sergeant S. S. Knowles of the Municipal police then gave evidence of photos being taken at the scene under his direction.

Economy and Other Committees Thanked

Unanimity Attained in All Reports Stressed

Emphasizing the source of pride to the international community here by their achievement of unanimity evidenced in all their reports, at a difficult period in world history, the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council has conveyed its thanks to the members of the Council's Special Economy Committee which has now completed its work.

Members of the Committee who were recipients of letters of appreciation from the Council Chairman were:

Messrs. J. D. Carriere, C. G. Gadow, W. A. Hale, Yulin Hsi, J. H. Liddell, I. Okamoto, T. S. Powell, A. Sadoc, Dr. D. Tirinnanzi, the Rev. C. L. Boynton, Messrs. G. Yasu and Yu Yai Ching.

The letter conveyed the Council's grateful thanks for the strenuous work which members of the Committee did for the community. In all there have been 79 meetings either of the full committee or its sub-committees and the volume of work done was fully appreciated as well as the exhaustive investigation into all Municipal activities and reports issued which, it was stated, will be of permanent value to the Council.

Letters of Appreciation

Letters of appreciation also have been sent by the Chairman to Dr. D. S. Chen and Mr. R. Toyokawa, members of the Terms of Service Sub-Committee of the Special Economy Committee and Mr. S. Okano, a member of the Public Works Department and Fire Brigade Sub-Committee of the Special Economy Committee whose work has now been completed.

The thanks of the Council also have been conveyed to Mr. N. Yano, member of the Legal Department and Library Sub-Committee of the Special Economy Committee.

$10,000 Worth of Cigarettes Stolen

Robbers Use Wheelbarrow To Remove Loot

Approximately $10,000 worth of cigarettes fell to a gang of four robbers at 10 p.m. on Sunday when they entered a godown at 68 Rue des Pères, intimidated the watchman and stole the cigarettes.

According to police investigations, the robbers, two of whom were armed with pistols, entered the godown, which was guarded by the watchman and a ten-year old boy. Once inside, the criminals tied the older man, closed him up in an adjoining room and calmly proceeded with their business of removing twelve cases of Ruby Queen, Pirate, Victory and May Blossom cigarettes. This was done by three of the gang, while the fourth looked after the boy. The cigarettes were placed on a wheelbarrow.

After the robbers had left, the boy freed the watchman who immediately reported the crime to the French Police. The stolen cigarettes were the property of Zeng Heng-chi, a cigarette merchant.

British and American Statesmen Meet

The picture shows Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador to the United States, in conference with Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State in Washington. Many uncertainties, which formerly were outstanding between Britain and the United States, will be cleared away with the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill by Congress.

France Rebuilding the Nation's Youth

Determined Drive by Vichy Leaders to Implant New Ideals in French Children

Vichy, Mar. 10.

IN a determined drive to give the lie to totalitarian assertions that the French race is tired and worn out, the government of Marshal Petain has energetically set about the dual task of giving French youth healthier bodies and a new set of ideals.

A recent law empowered sports leader Jean Borotra, France's former Davis Cup ace, to appropriate 1,900,000,000 francs for the building of stadiums and swimming pools and for the purchase of sporting material.

Meanwhile, the youth movement, characterized by the creation of work camps and workshops under the guidance of farmers, mechanics and skilled artisans, is being boosted with a gusto rarely hitherto seen in France. It is well known that the youth movement is Marshal Petain's chief preoccupation and he is probably more concerned with its success than many another matter of state.

The Youth Movement (Movement de Jeunesse), which is under direct state control already groups more than 100,000 youngsters between the ages of 14 to 21, while the autonomous Compagnons of France (Compagnons de France) movement is steadily gaining ground and now has something in the neighbourhood of 5,000 adherents.

Aims of Movement

The aims of the two groups are to eliminate juvenile unemployment, decongestion of overpopulated city slum areas by teaching the young people rural artisanship, and to instil nationalistic principles combined with greater discipline. Both boys and girls are included in the movement.

For the time being, the young people are being employed in doing work for which there is a dearth of adult labour, so as not to take work away from their elders. They are paid 20 francs daily, most of which is made over directly to the parents for their upkeep and with the exception of those engaged in forestry, most of them live at home.

The Companions of France movement is slightly different from the Youth Movement in that children of any age are accepted and the organization is run very much along the lines of the Boy Scouts. It aims, as does the Youth Movement, at eliminating unemployment, but also puts great stress on games as a medium of moulding character, toughening the body and instilling into the youthful mind the necessity of maintaining throughout life that "team spirit" which, calling for the submission of personal desires in the interests of the group, runs somewhat counter to the traditionally individualistic French way of thinking.

The French press is daily insistent on the fact that as far as this country is concerned "every man for himself" is a thing of the past and must be definitely stamped out. The Companions of France organization is financed by the State.

Wide Interest

The French Government's interest in youth is not confined to these movements and during recent months a veritable revolution has taken place in the teaching world. Teachers and professors throughout France who were considered as being too much in sympathy with pre-war Popular Front ideas were either retired or fired out of hand. Several notoriously "Leftist" professors from some of France's universities were deprived of their French citizenship.

With regard to this phase of re-education, the monthly bulletin published by the General Youth Commissariat recently made the following remarks:

"The Marshal said: 'Among the tasks facing the Government there is none more important than the reform of rational education.'

"A month later this task was accomplished. The reform is of exceptional scope, directly interested in recruiting of teachers as well as the organization of school curriculums. The Marshal knows what influence is exercised during life by the principles and education received at school and at home. He aims at creating the unity of inspiration throughout the whole of the teaching profession. The Government of the Marshal is engaged in recruiting for France new servants and is furnishing them with new methods."

Teachers Affected

The modifications brought about in the recruiting of teachers aim at "eliminating amateurs and bad or incapable guides,' according to this publication.

The goal of the newly established curriculums was officially stated to be the following: "To give school children a certain discipline of thought, to develop the spirit of synthesis as well as that of analysis and to teach them to think clearly. More importance will be attached to forming their intelligence than in pumping a thousand and one things into their heads which call more for an effort of memory than of reflection."

It is interesting to note that paragraph No. 1 of the history teachers' guide said. "This branch of teaching will be built around pictures, scenes and events specially chosen to strike the child's imagination. There must be nothing abstract. Some dates must be learned as sign-posts of history etc."

Paragraph No. 1 of the new guide simply states: "The generalized history of France particularly since Henry IV. Stress will be laid on the continuity of French endeavour throughout all regimes toward the building up, the maintenance and the reconstruction of France."

Respect for Humanity

This corresponds to the Marshal's idea when he recently declared. "The French school of tomorrow will teach the meaning of respect for humanity, the respect of the family, society and the Fatherland. Schools will no longer strive after neutrality. Life is not neutral. It consists in taking hardy steps forward."

Dovetailing into this line of thought is the guiding slogan of the youth movements which proclaim that the family is a social cell on which "New France" is to be built.

The motto of the Companions of France is: "You shall be courteous to women. You shall respect your family."

In answer to the government's appeals municipalities throughout France are donating fields and gardens where members of the youth movements can experiment and learn their future profession, while many disused farms have been handed over to them where they are working under the leadership of practical farmers.—United Press.

Joint Police Bureau to Open Friday

Everything Now Arranged In Western District

The joint police bureau in the western district under the control of the Shanghai Municipal Council and Greater Shanghai Municipal Government will definitely be established in Jessfield Road on Friday. It is announced by the Central Press Service that Mr. Pan Ta, director of the new bureau, will be sworn into office at a ceremony to be held on that day.

Offices for the headquarters and all branches of the new bureau have been found and uniforms and other articles needed by the new police have also been prepared. The only question that is awaiting a settlement is the distribution of firearms, which will be completed in the next few days, the report explains.

The newly recruited police, numbering 1,080, are being given a final drill and on Thursday they may be assigned to perform various duties in the Western District as a trial. Distribution of uniforms will take place on Wednesday.

The first branch bureau will be located in the former branch of the Bureau of Finance of the new Chinese city régime in Robison Road. The second branch will be housed in the dormitory of the Bank of China in Bubbling Well Road. The third, fourth and fifth branches will be located in Tsaokadoo, 739 Tunsin Road and Chiaotung University in Avenue Haig respectively, states the report.

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American Doctor Warns U.S. Women

Grave Dangers Face Mothers Bearing More Than Nine Children

New York, Mar. 10.

Warning American mothers against huge flocks of eight or nine children—such as Axis powers encourage—Dr. Alan F. Guttmacher, obstetrician of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, told America how to attain greater efficiency in motherhood to build national strength.

"The nation should encourage the younger women to bear the children," said Dr. Guttmacher, addressing the conference on strengthening our population for national defence, called here by the Birth Control Federation of America.

For best results in producing healthy infants and reducing death and invalidism among mothers, Dr. Guttmacher advocated:

A woman should have her first baby after the age of 20 and before 25, if optimum results are to be expected.

On the same terms, she should finish her child-bearing career by the time she is 35.

"Purely from the medical point of view, omitting social and economic factors," he said, "it is quite safe for the normal woman to bear five children. She may even have six or seven, but it is most unwise for her to have eight or more."

It is probably ideal, he added, if children are born about 27 to 30 months apart.

Impressive data have become available in America, within the past year, Dr. Guttmacher pointed out, which makes it possible now to show the health hazards of producing a great number of children. In two investigations of childbirth records, one made by U.S. Public Health Service scientists in New York State, and the other by Dr. N. J. Eastman who surveyed over 15,000 cases at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, the same striking facts are disclosed.

Extraordinary Findings

Emphasizing these findings as "extraordinary," Dr. Guttmacher said that they show the birth of second and third babies to be attended by least risk of maternal death. Risk of bearing first and fourth babies is about equal. After the fourth child, danger increases with each birth, until having the ninth baby brings serious risk. Having a ninth baby is 330 percent. more dangerous than having a third, Dr. Eastman reported. The Public Health investigation rates it even more serious—344 per cent. This fact, Dr. Guttmacher added, was news. It "confirmed what a few iconoclastic observers had come to suspect."

Pronouncing the policy of encouraging large families inefficient from a national standpoint, Dr. Guttmacher stated that a woman who dies bearing a ninth child leaves probably six or more half-orphans. Production of very large families is also a source of invalidism to mothers, he added, and the infant death loss also rises acutely as births reach the fifth child.

Summing up what he called "one obstetrician's attitude toward the problem of maternal health and the nations's strength," Dr. Guttmacher said:

"The nation will not be strengthened by the wastage of haphazard pregnancy. It can be strengthened by efficient reproduction through selective pregnancy, selecting those in whom pregnancy is ill-advised and offering them the means of avoiding conception; selecting the young and fit to bear children and through education to make them realize the privilege and responsibility of planned parenthood."—United Press.

Emergency Measures in Netherlands Cancelled

Berlin, Mar. 9.

The exceptional measures recently taken in the Netherlands by the German authorities of occupation as a result of riots in that country have now been cancelled, Berlin Radio announced this evening.—Havas.

Gang of Kidnappers Frustrated

Frightened Away By Sight Of Japanese Motor Car

It was revealed in the First Special District Court yesterday that owing to the alertness of the Bubbling Well Police, a kidnapping attempt in which the criminals wished to obtain a ransom of $1,500,000 was frustrated on March 2 in Avenue Foch near Hardoon Road. Six men, including a former servant employed by a relative of the intended victim, son of a rich dye stuff merchant, Mr. Pei Jensen, were formally charged with attempted kidnapping. Hearing was postponed for two weeks pending further investigations, as the police believe that the men might have also been involved in other crimes.

At least two of the accused admitted taking part in the plot. Chou Ching-wen, the former servant, served as the signal man for the kidnappers and was first arrested in the street while trying to give a signal by raising his hat if he saw the intended victim's car coming. The scheme did not work out smoothly as Chou's accomplices failed to show up at the specified time and place. His accomplices, it was revealed in court, became frightened and dropped their plan when they saw a Japanese car coming their way, as their car was using an imitation Japanese defence force licence plate.

The court was told that they wished to imprison their intended victim, Mr. Pei Yi-kwung in a house in Chung Shan Road, Chapei. They had actually prepared a letter demanding a ransom of $1,500,000. Most of the accused were arrested following Chou's arrest in Chekiang Road.

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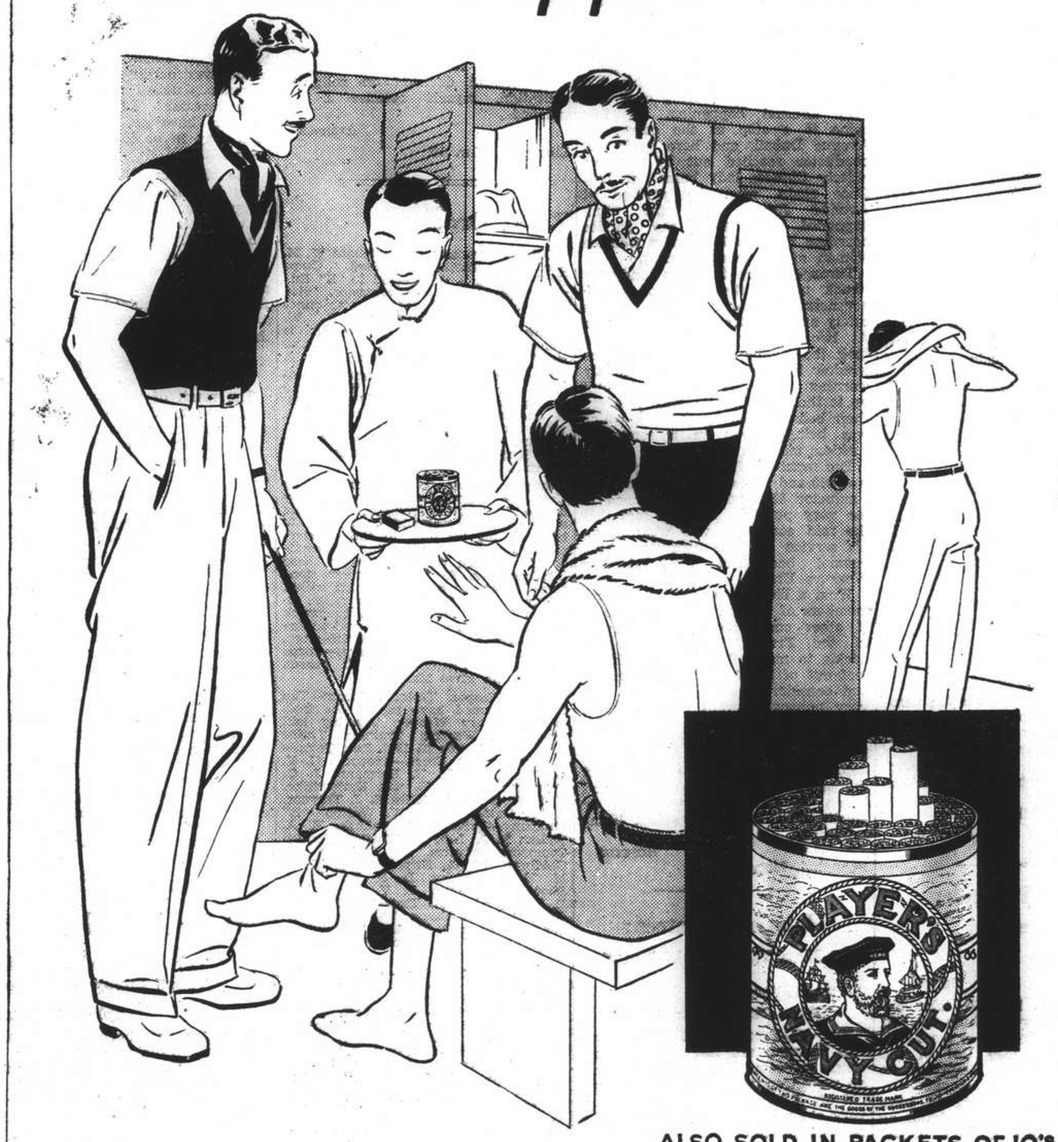

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Buddhism:

Some of its Aspects

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As I see it, the essential thing with Buddhism is the exaltation of Buddha, the all-knowing spirit. Other religious worship god; but in Buddhism, Buddha is the supreme being: he is above both god and man. And yet, we are potentially Buddha all of us, if only we will learn to know the essential truth of things. The essential thing with man is that he is a spirit, the eternal knowing spirit.

According to Buddhism, the phenomenal world before us is not created by God, but is the necessary reflection of man's inner spirit. It is governed not only by the physical and organic laws, but, above all, by the law of moral retribution. As men sow, so they will reap. Every seed, good or evil, sown by you in the eternal past will in time ripen into fruit with its influence not only on you, but on other men. All those with whom you now come into contact were in some way linked with you in the past life. As the saying goes, "Where there is a link people will meet though separated by a thousand li distance; where there is no link they will fail to know each other even if they stand face to face!"

A true Buddhist views the phenomenal world with a strong tinge of pessimism. The worldly successes are of no consequence; while the pleasures of the flesh lead only to moral destruction. One sees here rampant suffering and misery with very little happiness to speak of. Birth, old age, sickness, death, desires unfulfilled, hated persons coming into contact, loved ones separating from each other: all these are sources of pain and suffering. The ideal for the true Buddhist is to so live his life that he will not be reborn into this world, but will enter the land of supreme and eternal bliss.

The way to accomplish this is to live a life of purity and unselfishness. Hatred, greed and lust: these must be avoided by all means. With purity in mind a man will be firm in his thought and act and he will be so wise as to know the essential truth of all things. Purity, firmness and wisdom: these will enable him to lift himself out of the worldly entanglement and become in time a full-fledged all-knowing spirit, a Buddha!

I find there is much in Buddhism to agree with my spirit. But I am not in sympathy with two aspects of current Buddhism which, in my mind, are not essential to the Buddhist thought.

Firstly, all Buddhists are supposed to confine themselves to vegetable food, the killing of all animals and insects being forbidden. If you kill a lamb for food, in your coming life, you may be reborn into a lamb and the lamb reborn into a man to eat you. This argument seems to me not convincing. Not only lambs and chickens, but we are ordered also not to kill mosquitoes which bite us, locusts which destroy our harvest, or flies which contaminate our food. If we carry the argument still farther, it will be wrong for us to kill even the microscopic germs which carry plague to us. Can we not also say: "If you kill the little germs, you may be reborn into a germ and the germs reborn into men to kill you?" In the eyes of Buddha, a worthless man may not be far different from a germ or an insect. But, so long as we are still living in this world, we must distinguish between men and beasts, between high, innocent, intelligent animals and senseless, injurious germs and insects. It will be a crime to kill man for food. It will probably also be wrong to kill innocent animals not intended for food. But to insist that we should not by all means kill the animals for food or other uses is to carry the matter too far. That would deprive us not only of nourishing food, but also of nice clothing made of silk and wool. Nay, we shall have no honey and wax, because these are stolen by us from the bees! Vegetable food, especially for old age, may be justified on the ground of health and nourishment; but to justify it on the ground of possible future retribution is superstition and folly!

Another superstition with the current Buddhism is the belief that, by merely repeating the revered name of Amidova, one may be able to achieve salvation. I agree that such repetition is not without some value, as it will put us in mind of the highest good. But I deny the name of Amidova is in any way more sacred than that of Jesus Christ, Confucius or Mahomet. The essential thing with Buddhism is the supremacy of reason, with the name and tradition occupying a position of entirely secondary importance. The present "Pure Land" tendency of Buddhism, putting unparalleled emphasis on the repetition of Amidova, seems to me to be against the essential spirit of Buddhism.

F. D. Z.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

Football Match:

Dirty Play Alleged

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I should like to take exception to the way in which the Old Westonians were treated in the Y.T.T. (Yee Tsoong Tobacco Co) *v.* Old Westonians game last Saturday on the Aurora ground, III League.

On paper the boys should have won by a small margin judging by the fact that had already beaten Cathay Laundry 5-0, who in their turn had trimmed the Y.T.T 4-8 and the youngsters—some only 16 years old started off well by scoring 2-0—then things happened—the Chinese team sensing that by clean playing they were in danger started some of the most cowardly foul play I have seen—in particular "Blitz-kreiging" the smallest players.

The Chinese referee allowed the game to degenerate and get quite out of hand and evidently from sheer fright because of the Chinese crowd, etc., was quite blind. The unruly crowd climbed over the recently erected fence and invaded the field, there being no police to prevent them, when the Y.T.T were ahead 3-2 and the team also displayed bad sportmanship by deliberately trying to waste time—kicking the ball a long way out and over the heads of the crowd who of course took plenty of time to return it and so forth.

However, by sheer pluck and determination and much luck the Old Wests equalised 3-3 ending a most unsatisfactory game, causing great ill-feeling from the hostile crowd almost repeating the Kiaochow Park P.T.H. v Three Cultures affair.

Some of the foul play and tactics seemed to be far too well advanced in technique for III League players, and may have been inspired if not actually done by senior League players.

Not a single foreign representative of the Association was there to see some resemblance of fair play—no Police and in fact the school boys played at a great disadvantage.

May I respectfully suggest that the Association should make quite sure that, if they cannot or will not appoint a foreign referee capable of handling such dirty tactics they might at least see that someone is there to represent them.

In spite of the capability of the Chinese referees they are always intimidated by hostile crowds whose slogan is always "at any cost the foreign team must not win."

OLD FAN.

Shanghai, March 8.

Music or Medicine ?:

A New Proposal

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I have read with interest the conclusions of MUSIC-LOVER and DR. O'HARA re "Music or Medicine."

I should like to propose that the Orchestra should budget as an independent body, supported by the lovers of classical and serious music (to the greatest extent) by yearly subscriptions, membership, donations, etc., in addition to the entries of the performances.

Only a small adverse balance at the end of the season should be met by the S.M.C. Treasury.

This would reduce the expenditure considerably and a reasonable amount could be spent for Health.

It is surprising that there seems to be no one in favour of the Orchestra. Is this more than mere coincidence?

BALANCE.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

Something Unique:

A Courteous Conductor

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR.—So much has been said and written concerning the outrageous behaviour of the French Tramway conductors and motormen in their utter disregard of the rights of passengers and the general public (a situation which has considerably worsened since the recent formation of their new labour union) that it would probably be a source of surprise and relief to the man in the street if one were to relate a case tending to point to the reverse of the very ugly picture.

On Saturday last I boarded a Route 21 bus at the corner of Rue Lafayette and Route Pere Robert at 7.05 p.m. I was surprised and I may say dumbfounded when I saw the conductor put out his hand to assist a foreign lady in getting into the said bus. While pondering over this very unusual happening, the bus came to a stop at the corner of Avenue Dubail, and here again the conductor reached out to help an elderly Chinese lady board the bus. Once again, when we arrived at Avenue Joffre the same thing happened, this time the parties boarding the bus being two Chinese women of the working class.

Throughout the trip this conductor struck me as the acme of courteousness and consideration for the safety and comfort of the passengers. At two different turnings he even took the trouble to lean out of the window in order to shout a friendly warning to riskshaw pullers to pull up to the side near the kerb to avoid their being struck by the bus, which was being driven in a somewhat reckless manner.

The number of the bus in question was 850 and that of this very unusual conductor 312. And what seemed to me very puzzling was the fact that the said conductor was wearing on his service cap the ubiquitous blue enamel badge of the Tramway Workers Union.

What a blessing would it be to us, members of the long-suffering public, if other conductors and motormen of the French Tramways should decide to mend their ways taking a leaf out of No. 312's book. Courtesy and consideration, as shown by this very unusual servant of the public, even though he is a member of his union, would go a very long way indeed toward gaining for the said union the respect and sympathy of the users of the French trams and buses, in their fight to attain an amelioration of their present living conditions.

HOPEFUL

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

Hats in Theatres:

The Man Who Could Not See

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR.—Your correspondence columns this morning are full of complaints about orchestras, taxes and taipans, all nuisances that are difficult to get rid of. I have another complaint, a very old one, but one that should be easy of solution.

Yesterday I saw or tried to see the Ballet Russe at the Lyceum. In front of me there was a hat and in the hat an enormous feather; do what I would this feather seemed always to be in the way. The wearer of the hat looked so charming that I did not like to complain to her, while her escort was a kind of giant, so that I was afraid to say anything to him.

What was I, a chivalrous coward or just an idiot to allow my entertainment to be spoiled?

When will women realize that an elaborate head-dress, while charming to look at in the street, is a pest and a nuisance when worn in the theatre? Can you supply a suggestion as to the proper way to get this truth brought to the attention of women?

PAININTHENECH.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

BY SAPAJOU

Mr. F. T. Durdin

The Chief Correspondent of the New York "Times" in China.

War Weapons Week:

Well Done Glasgow!

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Regarding your news from Glasgow that the city raised £10,000,000 in a week, your correspondent wrote "Still it is no exaggeration to avow that Lord Provost Dollan will go down in the history of this centre as one of the most outstanding and amazing Lord Provosts it has ever had in office." In this connection I would like just to point out that Pat Dollan is a socialist. He had done fine work for Glasgow during his tenure of office. When the Coronation ceremonies were held, he did not spend large sums on military displays, but instead celebrated the occasion with benefits for old people and children, e.g. taking children from the slums on a cruise down the Clyde.

What is also of interest in your news item was the mention of the commemoration of the Livingstone Centenary. The report stated that the St. Andrews Hall was crowded and Mr. Ernest Brown, M.P., Minister for Scotland, spoke at this religious gathering. This emphasis on the value of religion during wartime is welcome news.

Well done, Glasgow!

JOHN SCOTLAND.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

Religious Education:

Two Points of View

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—R. G. M.'s letter seems to advocate in religious matters an atmosphere of fog, the kind of condition which would enable a Gallop Poll to record that 100 per cent. were undecided. His fourth paragraph brands ELUCIDATOR and myself as narrow-minded: ELUCIDATOR because he is dissatisfied with a governmental decision on religious education, myself because I am satisfied.

AVERAGE

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

S.V.C. Orders

Officers—Transfers:—Lieutenant W. M. Portrude, Intelligence Staff, Corps Headquarters is transferred to "B" Bn., and appointed Quartermaster, vice Lieutenant F. W. Schlobohm with effect from March 10. Lieutenant F. W. Schlobohm, Quartermaster "B" Bn., is transferred to Intelligence Staff, Corps Headquarters with effect from March 10.

Promotions and Appointments:—Gunnery Sergeant Bonifacio Wilhelmino Legaspi is promoted Warrant Officer Cl. II and appointed First Sergeant with effect from March 3. Private H. F. C. Colman, "C" Bn. is appointed Acting Bn. Sergeant Major with effect from March 4.

Suspense List:—Officers Commanding Units are reminded that as soon as they decide to put a volunteer on the suspense list he should be warned to hand in his kit etc., to the quartermaster's stores. A "Handing in" certificate will then be forwarded to these Headquarters. In the volunteer concerned does not hand in his kit within 7 days, the R.Q.M.S. will arrange to collect it. No volunteer will be struck off the strength until his kit and equipment have been received in the store.

Officers—Return from Leave:—Corps Headquarter—Lieutenant M. C. Jensen return from leave March 1.

Corps Weapon Training Tests:—The undermentioned have passed the tests of Elementary Weapon Training laid down in Weapon Training Letter 186/63, dated June 12, 1940. Rifle Tests.—Shanghai Light Horse.—Troopers C. V. W. Brook, A. H. B. Hermann, J. O. Pote-Hunt, H. R. H. van Kattendijke, H. S. Peake, S. G. Mills, E. J. Traynor, R. T. Oates, V. H. W. Watton, "B" Company.—Privates R. Bakhsh, E. A. Waller, R. A. Lee, W. Wheless, Jewish Company.—Privates S. Feldman, K. Geldbard. M. G. Nirenberg, E. Kohn, M. B. Nosovitsky, D. S. Koenig, S. Shornik, W. Kurz, F. V. Tischler, J. B. Lissagorsky, M. Tsatskin, G. Matzdorff, G. Weissenberg. Philippine Company.—Privates D. Abad, A. D. Ruivivar, S. V. Javier, J. J. Santos, R. Orden, A. G. Santos.

Weapon Training — Classification (Rifle):—The undermentioned have qualified on "30 yards Range":—Shanghai Light Horse.—Troopers C. V. W. Brook, A. H. B. Hermann, L. W. Brandt, S. G. Mills, D. J. Handley, H. S. Peake, H. R. H. van Kattendijke, E. J. Traynor, V. H. W. Watton. American Troop.—Troopers H. A. R. Conant, J. G. Patent, B. Frank, C. Whatley. Philippine Company.—Privates D. Abad, G. Ordon, S. V. Javier, A. D. Ruivivar.

Inter-Unit Transfers:—C.Q.M.S. R. F. Griffin, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company is transferred to Shanghai Light Horse with effect from Feb. 28. Pte. R. Whitmore, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company is transferred to Armoured Car Company with effect from March 5. L/Cpl. A. P. T. Taylor-Gill, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company is transferred to "A" Company with effect from March 1.

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—"A" Battalion:—"A" Company.—Pte. A. F. Barclay March 5, "B" Company.—Pte. W. Hallford March 6. Jewish Company.—Pte. D. B Orhoff March 1. "B" Battalion:—American M.G. Co.—Privates E. J. Tivoniuk March 4. A. Samson March 5, G. Firtel March 6 Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Tpr. E. Marshall March 6. American Troop.—Troopers J. M. Raleigh March 3, G. W. Bundy March 3, G. L. Danzy March 4, J. J. Marantz March 4. Corps Troops:—Transport Company.—Drivers C. H. Walker Feb. 27, P. Granovsky March 1. D. Kashinsky, March 5, "A" Battalion:—Headquarters.—Pte. F. Heller March 6. "B" Company.—Pte. P. Kohn March 5. Scottish Company.—Pte. G. C. Grossett March 4, Pte. E. D. Nash March 6. Jewish Company.—Privates R. L. Blaiman March 4, H. Klinger March 4, S. Haimovitch March 4, R. Beresford March 4. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Pte. S. Tuttelman March 4, Pte. E. G. Smith March 4. "B" Battalion:—Philippine Company.—Pte. V. Z. Casine March 4. "C" Battalion:—Armoured Car Co.—Pte. L. R. St. Louis March 3.

Chamber Music in Lyceum Theatre

Fine Concert Spoiled by Late-comers; Extraneous Noises Mar Performance

Oswald Spengler wrote that the peak of achievement of Western music lay in the string quartets written at the end of the 18th century. Certainly, as an art form, the string quartets of Mozart and Haydn are unsurpassed. The combination of a perfect applied form, a perfect musical form and the almost complete balance of timbre of the four instruments has given us the purest music we have. By a comparison with this standard the quality of all chamber music can be readily appraised.

This form has proved an irresistable attraction for almost every composer, although few have been successful. For in addition to Grieg most composers like Cesar Franck, Verdi, Ravel, Strauss and Debussy have written only one each. In these cases it would seem that even the composer was not satisfied with his own work and that he decided in future to keep away from a form which, however perfect, demands a care and restraint foreign to the nature of most composers of the last hundred years.

Shortcomings Revealed

Grieg's Quartet reveals the shortcomings of all the others who have tried and failed. The main objection is that Grieg has attempted to jam far too much into too delicate a form. The medium of Grieg's thought is too heavy, for it was accustomed neither to expression in four voices or to the subtleties of four solo strings. One feels, apart from an intrinsically weak second movement, that this work would be far better if adapted to another form. The Municipal Quartet in the Lyceum on Sunday played it badly which was hardly their fault for extraneous noises in the auditorium were incessant. Late-comers of the audience have no right to force their way in or to bang the door behind them.

The objection of an uncongenial form can also be levelled at the Strauss Sonata. It is his only essay at violin-piano sonata form and he too evidently realized it was not his *metier*. Maestro Paci and Prof. Foa, however gave a far more polished performance than did the Quartet players. They played it in complete sympathy with each other and with the music.

Beautiful Exposition

The merit of the two soloists was evidenced by the amount of flowers they received on the stage, but why the piano should be allowed to look like a precious exhibit within a florist shop is beyond me. Is it the fact that Miss Mary Shen was allowed to attempt works that were too technically difficult for her. Mme Sabine Rapp gave a beautifully musical exposition of the Schumann "Frauen-Liebe und Leben." The cycle is not among Schumann's most successful vocal music but it has a very sincere depth of emotion. The beauty of Mme Rapp's voice lies in the lower part of a contralto's range and unfortunately this cycle gave her but few opportunities of revealing the richness of her lower notes. But throughout she gave a perfect understanding of the feeling within the music.

It is impossible to close without complimenting the compiler of the programme notes for his succinct and pertinent notes—G.H.

U.S.-Born Japanese Sail for Australia

Two Secretaries to Help Tokyo Envoy to Canberra

Tokyo, Mar. 10.

Two American-born Japanese sailed for Australia at noon today to assist Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, the first Japanese Minister to Australia.

The two, who will be Mr. Kawai's private secretaries are Mr. Hidemichi Tokimasa, born in Honolulu and a graduate of Hawaii University, and Miss Tamatsu Tsumida, 21 years old and a graduate from St. Maria's High School in California.

Many American and English passengers were also aboard the Kashima Maru, which is to call at Kobe, Hongkong, Manila, Sydney and Melbourne.—Reuter.

Photographic Exhibit At Sun Company

Mr. Chin San-long's Studies Greatly Appreciated

Mr. Chin San-long held a preview of his fourteenth Photographic Exhibition in the galleries of the Sun Company yesterday. There was an attendance of over 400. A musical programme was presented in which his daughter, Miss Pansy Long, who has recently returned from Europe, gave a vocal recital. Miss Long, who commenced her vocal studies in Shanghai and later continued them in Brussels, has a very pleasing soprano voice. Also on the programme were Prof. Wei Chung-loh who played the er-hu, Mr. M. Riskin, violinist, and Mr. G. Singer, who played two of his own piano compositions.

When one sees only a few of Mr. Chin's studies, it is easy to understand why he has been awarded 40 medals and 40 diplomas from photographic societies in different parts of the world. Mr. Chin is a member of the Associated Royal Photo Society of Great Britain, the Photographic Society of America and is also an honorary member of Focus Salon, Belgian Photo Association and the Photo Pictorialists of Springfield, Massachusetts.

His photographs are of infinite variety, of landscapes, portraits, animals and nude studies, including many scenes which he took during his trip to Free China last year. In his photographs he shows to advantage rice fields, bamboo, craggy rocks, verdant hills and the countryside that are the beauty of China. He has captured the spring mist, the haziness of distance, illusion of height, clearness of reflections in water and the fleeciness and softness of low clouds, in a most remarkable way. To the foreigner his photographs are a guide to old Cathay as it really is, in all its quiet charm and delicate beauty; to the Chinese they bring reminiscences. The exhibition will be open to the public from today until March 16.

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8.00 Causerie by Mme Claude Rivière. This year France has marked the 150th anniversary of the birth of Lamartine,—a great poet who wished to reconcile dreams and action.
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Legal Dept. 1941 Estimates Out

Expenditures $411,140; Raise of 93.32 Per Cent.; Council Approval

Estimates of expenditure totalling $411,140 being an increase of $196,470 or 93.32 per cent. more than last year of the Legal Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council have been approved by the Finance Committee and the Council for 1941. A Council communique issued yesterday in connection with these estimates follows:

The preliminary estimates for 1941 submitted by the Municipal Advocate (Legal Department) totalled $363,290 an increase of $150,620 or 70.82 per cent. compared with the budget provision for last year. This initial figure of $363,290 has been increased by $47,850 following adjustments in line with recently approved increases in the high cost of living and rice allowances and amendments for various other reasons.

The estimates in their present form, approved by the Finance Committee and Council, amount to $411,140, an increase of $198,470 or 93.32 per cent. compared with the relative appropriation for last year of $212,670.

Salary of S.M.C. Advocate

This position is largely due to a revision last year in the basis of remuneration for the Municipal Advocate. The question of the revised basis was raised and referred by the Special Municipal Economy Committee to its Terms of Service Sub-Committee who upheld the action the Council had taken in this matter. The pay and allowances appropriations also cover the increases in high cost of living and rice allowances recently authorized and provide for normal pay increments in accordance with the grading scales. It will be noted from the comparative statement that the increase in temporary bonus for Chinese personnel absorbs $95,190 of the total comparative increase shown under pay and allowances at $182,820.

There is a reduction in the effective personnel of two third-grade Chinese clerks.

Musical Feat Achieved By Japanese Soldier

Composition Worked Out On "Bottle Piano"

Hoihow Hainan Island, Mar. 10.

What is believed to be the first musical composition worked out on a "bottle piano" had its world premier here this morning. The composition was a song entitled "My Hoihow is a City of Song," and was composed by Sergeant Mikio Morimoto from Hokkaido.

Sgt. Morimoto, who once attended the Musashino Music School in Tokyo, was awarded first prize in a song contest which was sponsored by the local Japanese language newspaper and made public today.

With a liking for music, which he learned at home, playing the violin despite frequent scoldings from his medicine-peddler father, Morimoto devised a unique method to obtain an "ersartz" piano on which to prepare his composition. He collected empty beer and soda bottles and filled them with water at different levels with eight bottles he acquired a musical scale.

For three days and nights, Morimoto tapped his "bottle piano until he composed his prize song. His comrades who complained loudly when his endeavours interfered with their sleep were the first to sing "My Hoihow is a City of Song."—Domei.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"
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We are indebted to Messrs. Kelly & Co. for a copy of the 'Overland Monthly" for February, cotaining a clever article zy Mr. J. Ross Browne, entitled "Under the Dragon's Footstool." It is apparently the first of an intended series; and deals chiefly with the Burlingame mission, and the readiness with which its fallacies were accepted in America.

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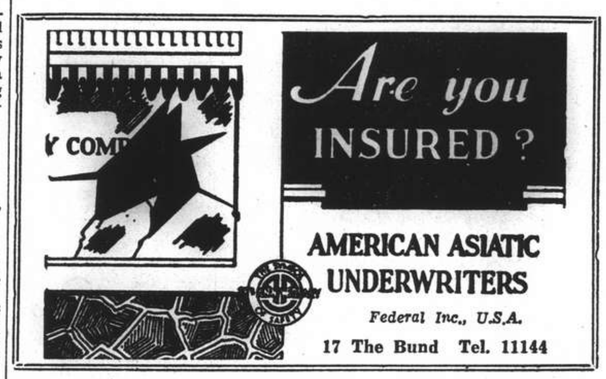

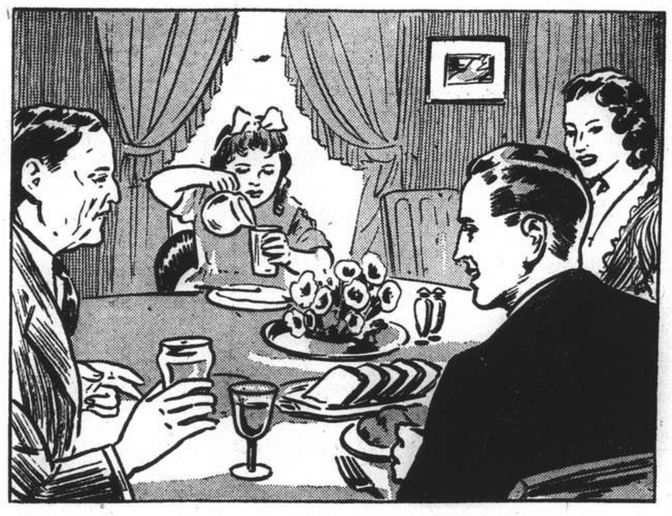

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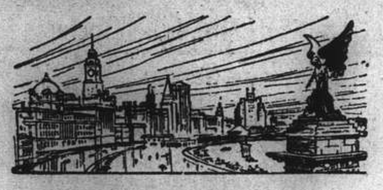

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THE GREEK SPIRIT

On Armistice Day, November 11, last year, the late General Metaxas, then the Prime Minister of Greece, delivered a stirring address to his people on the necessity for spiritual as well as military mobilization. General Metaxas has passed on. His death caused a gap in the political line-up of his country which has been difficult to fill. As always occurs when a man of the most outstanding merit dies, his successors find it hard to preserve the same standards that he created. M. Alexander Korisis, the present Prime Minister, though hardly a man of the same calibre as General Metaxas, has nevertheless inherited a splendid tradition. And there seems to be little reason to doubt that he will not remain faithful to that tradition, along with the people over whom he has been called to rule. While perhaps he may not possess the powerful personality of his predecessor, or his ability to initiate fundamental reforms, M. Korisis can be believed to be fully capable of making the utmost out of the wonderful national spirit which now exists in Greece. General Metaxas, a soldier and a realist, defied the Axis' attempt to swallow his country. When he refused the Italian demands, there were few outside his country who realized what a transformation had taken place since the feeble days of 1935; when on October 28 he challenged the Italians to make good their threats, no one expected that the small Greek army would be able to rout the Colossus in the way it has done.

In his speech of November 11, General Metaxas defended his national policy—even though events had shown that it needed little defence. He emphasized the need for discipline among the people. He stated: "The element which I have introduced into the political life of this country is a thing which did not often exist in the Hellenic states of antiquity or the Middle Ages, though whenever it existed it led them to victory and whenever it was absent, despite intellectual attainments, obscurity soon followed. That element we lacked during the past hundred years of our existence and its absence has been the cause of our greater disasters. It is the element of discipline; not of servile subjection, but of conscious discipline, self-subordination and self-control, something which keeps the rights and liberties of the individual within limits beyond which the needs and claims of the state commence." He went on to say that the acceptance of this discipline, which at the time had to be rigorously applied—though never with bloodshed—by the Greek people, and their wholehearted appreciation was dearer to him than any conventional voting. He implied that the discipline which at first had had to be externally enforced, had at that time become a national characteristic, a feature of which the Greeks were themselves proud, and which was largely instrumental in enabling them to win victories over the Italians. And it is ironical to note that Mussolini, the leader of the Italians, is a man who has been preaching discipline and little else to his own people for nearly eighteen years yet has succeeded, by his big-stick methods, in doing nothing more than undermine their *moral*.

General Metaxas understood full well that political discipline, such as Greece could witness in Italy and Germany, is nothing when compared with a nation's spiritual discipline. This spiritual discipline is not that which bigots believe in—the discipline of an Inquisition which would stamp out all opposition. It is of the same kind that he described in relation to political discipline—self-imposed, not servile subjection, but spiritual self-subordination and self-control. In the lack of this kind of spiritual discipline lies the weakness of the Axis. The Nazis have nothing but contempt for spiritual or intellectual concepts. The Fascists have been less denunciatory, since in their midst is the Vatican and all that that sacred centre means to the Christian world. The only member of the Axis which has appreciated the necessity for this spiritual discipline is Japan; and it may be questioned whether the authorities in Tokyo appreciate the difference between such discipline self-imposed and such discipline imposed by the gendarmerie. In all the Axis countries it has proved that too much of the government-imposed discipline has only emphasized the truth of the old adage that "Boughten geese are fatter, but stolen geese are sweeter."

In this spirit of self-imposed discipline, political and spiritual, the Greek people today face the most serious threat that has been made against them for more than twenty years. The spiritual quality of their discipline saves them from the error of believing that, because they have chased the Italians out of their own country and out of half of Albania as well, they are therefore "world-beaters." They are able, in sober weighing of the facts in collaboration with their allies, the British, to consider the pros and cons of the decision they are going to be called upon to make. There can be little doubt that this decision has already been taken, in full agreement with Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

That there is something seriously wrong with the state of Italy is fully indicated by the activities of Italian propaganda, and notably of Signor Gayda, editor of "Giornale d'Italia" commonly spoken of as Mussolini's mouthpiece, and consequently the vehicle of those communiqués which he avers are "mirrors of truth." Two striking examples of the lengths to which the Italian leaders will go to mislead their people occurred recently. Last week the German news agency carried a story appearing in Signor Gayda's organ to the effect that the following losses were inflicted upon British naval, air and mercantile strengths by Italian military operations:—800 aeroplanes shot down with certainty; 213 destroyed on the ground, 99 presumably shot down; 20 British war vessels sunk; 87 damaged; 14 torpedoed; 23 submarines sunk and three damaged; 58 merchant ships sunk; 41 damaged, and seven tankers sunk and two torpedoed. Expressed in totals 1,112 aeroplanes are alleged to have been accounted for, 121 war vessels sunk or damaged, 39 submarines similarly treated, 99 mercantile vessels and nine tankers. The figures are of course preposterous, and are obviously published for home consumption, for the purpose of endeavouring to show, after admission of reverses in north Africa that the British successes were obtained at a cost out of all proportion to the dimensions of the victories achieved.

Contrasted with this it is known that the British navy took part in repeated bombardments of the Libyan coast without let or hindrance on the part of the Italians, and certainly without damage, proceeding in time with the British advance all the way until the army was able to announce the capture of Benghazi. The loss of 1,100 aeroplanes would indeed be a severe one to Great Britain but it is known to be completely untrue because so many Italian machines failed to leave the ground that the supremacy of the R.A.F. in the air over Italian positions was not even seriously challenged let alone damaged to the extent suggested. Further it may be pointed out that Great Britain entered the war with about 50 submarines, not all of which were stationed in European waters, so that, if the Italian claims are added to the equally fantastic German, the British submarine force must by now have been wiped out many times. British war vessels including submarines totalling 150 are claimed to have been sunk or damaged by Italian action, which judging from the dispositions of the British Navy throughout the world suggests that the British naval forces in the Mediterranean have been practically wiped out, thus establishing the well known claim of the Italians to command of that stretch of water. That, as Euclid remarked, is absurd.

Then yesterday Rome issued casualty lists giving 78 dead, 98 wounded, and 12,230 missing in North Africa, and on the Albanian fronts 2,386 dead, 4,841 wounded and 5,590 missing. The British, it will be remembered have made no big claims concerning casualties inflicted upon the Italians in Libya since the occupation of Benghazi, and, if these Italian admissions represent the results of mopping up operations around certain outposts in the interior, the damage inflicted upon the Italians is still severe, and adds considerably to the total of 166,000 prisoners already taken. The claims concerning the Albanian front are equally misleading, for it is known that the Greeks have inflicted far more damage upon the Italians than Rome is prepared to admit, which has resulted in the application of German pressure upon Greece in order to relieve Mussolini from the embarrassments he has brought upon himself.

There can only be one reason for the publication of information which is so manifestly untrue. It is for home consumption, for the purpose of seeking to convince the Italian people that things are not quite so bad as at first they seemed to appear, and is a belated attempt to restore a *moral* which is rapidly diminishing. That such endeavours will doubtless fail of their purpose is to be expected as the Italians ask themselves why, if things are so good, it has been necessary for the Germans to take over control of the country, why Marshal Graziani has been recalled to the command of the Italian forces after having been obliged to resign, and why there are no other generals who could have been chosen in his place. The answer is apparent abroad, and will sooner or later be borne in upon the Italian masses that they have in fact already lost this war, and that Germany has occupied Italy to make sure that Mussolini shall not make a separate peace. The latter would probably be reluctant to consider anything of the sort at the present juncture, for that would mean the end of his ascendancy, but that he might do so is the German fear against which Hitler has already made his preparations.

Best Forgotten

A favourite theme of Nazi and Fascist propagandists before the outbreak of the present war is now very conspicuous by its absence—the alleged decline of the British Empire and its manhood. Chief purveyor of such a tale in the good old days when he still played first fiddle (a part now taken by Maestro Hitler) in the Fascist state, was Benito Mussolini, whose well-equipped warriors bravely had pushed back and had defeated thousands of dusky, spear-carrying natives to occupy Abyssinia and who, later on, completed the occupation of Albania, which had practically no army at all. With chest blown out he blared forth for years on the invincibility of the Fascist state and its armies. Time and time again he roared into the well-trained ears of the Italian masses stories of his navy's control of the Mediterranean—Italy's "mare nostrum"—and of his air force's supremacy in the skies. And then he entered the war on the side of Germany and woke up! For years Britain had heard Mussolini's boastings silently. She had listened to tales of the alleged spinelessness of her sons and had smiled, for such stories were commonplace in the totalitarian states in those days. Britain still had faith in her sons even if Hitler and Mussolini believed they were like filleted fishes. And then the testing time came. At Dunkirk, man for man, the British Tommy made his Axis counterpart, who had all the odds on his side at the time, appear in a bad light to the rest of the world. That finished Germany's boasting of the superiority of Germans over Britons. Mussolini came next. The flower of his armies was in Libya, he told the world, and soon Italians would be at the Suez Canal after they had annihilated the men in khaki, who faced them. True enough, he got into Egypt, but when it came to the final test something went wrong, and the "decadent" youths, who faced his legions, not only chased his fleet-footed Fascists out of the country but didn't stop chasing them until they had occupied Cyrenaica and had captured crestfallen Italians, who had received such a drubbing that they were absolutely demoralized, like a punch drunk fighter reeling from one rope to another. Not only did the "decadent" Britons occupy half of Libya, however, but they pushed on into Italian Somaliland and Abyssinia where the chasing still goes on today. In Albania, too, something else went awry and, instead of occupying Athens in three weeks, the Italians found themselves running like mad before determined Greek warriors, whose victories had astounded the world. But it was Mussolini's hide and seek navy that lowered Italian prestige more than anything else. Time and time again those "spineless" fellows in the British Navy steamed up and down Italy's "mare nostrum" and asked for a fight. They never got it—the Italians had no stomach to face them. And so, with only one course left open, the British fleet steamed right into Italian waters and created havoc at Taranto and Genoa. In the air too British supremacy over the Italians has been proved—no wonder the Fascist propagandists today have forgotten all that they said about the invincibility of Italy and the decadence of the British Empire's manhood. It will be Hitler's turn next to face that manhood.

ALONG THE HIGHWAYS

Mar. 9.—On Aug. 7 last we recorded the fact that the early blooming species of the Spider Lilly (*Lycoris*) was in flower: stems had sprung up almost overnight out of bare patches of soil in the shrubberies. Their appearance followed a heavy rain and it was not long before large areas were covered with delicate flowers. Most flowers require a certain amount of foliage to enable them to display their charms to the best advantage; but the Lycoris is quite attractive without any; in her case, leaves would probably detract from the appearance of the flowers. However, she cannot manage without foliage altogether, she has to obtain a portion of her food from the atmosphere and at the present time, a vigorous growth of daffodil-like leaves is appearing almost as quickly as the flower heads appeared last August. The habit of the plant is still somewhat of a mystery: the majority of bulbs store up reserves of food after flowering in the Spring (that is, providing we can persuade the gardener not to remove the foliage too early) and then rest until the Autumn when they start into growth without any encouragement from human beings. The Lycoris reverses the general custom of nature, it stores its food in the Spring and rests after flowering. The "Cloth of Gold" Crocus is in full flower these days and naturalized groups in some gardens look charming when the sun is shining. It is rather fascinating to watch these flowers closing when the sky becomes overcast. We have noticed a very interesting thing about crocus bulbs this year: there were two sources of supply last Autumn and bulbs were purchased from both "houses." In all places where the bulbs were planted, the result has been the same: the bulbs from one "house" are in full flower while those from the second "house" have not yet begun! We hope they will begin shortly!!! We noticed some Windflowers (*Anemone coronaria*) in flower a few days ago, there were only a few flowers open but their striking shades of colour are very welcome at this time of the year when yellow predominates in the garden.—W.J.K.

GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Successful in Latest Broadway Hit

For weeks Broadway had buzzed with rumours that playwright Moss Hart, who is being psychoanalyzed, would bring to town a Freudian musical play—a play that would startle the theatre as Doctor Sigmund himself once startled the hospital. Then Broadway stopped buzzing and began to huzzah, for Producer Sam Harris delivered Moss Hart's "Lady in the Dark," a $130,000 baby, says "Time."

Moss Hart's play idea is 18-carat. A hard-working editress of a fashion magazine, unhappy despite her enviable job and a devoted married lover, goes to get herself "psyched." With that the play dissolves into a psychoanalytical circus with four revolving rings. The scene shifts from the psychoanalyst's office to the "Allure" office, to the young lady's dreams, and back again. Playwright Hart puts anything on the stage that he wishes — a love affair, sophisticated neuro-drama, fashion parades, farce, musical dream fantasias.

The play is neither quite so good as the idea nor so breath-taking as Broadway's swoon over it. Its dream fantasias are much less outlandish than the dreams any psychoanalyst might encounter in a day's work, sometimes lack sparkle, occasionally grow flatulent. But the whole production, spinning from reality to its not too fantastic reveries on four revolving stages, is lovely to look at and delightful to hear. It has one dream of glamorous evening blue, another gilded dream of an Oriental fairy tale, a glittering dream of a circus that turns into a mild nightmare. It has blandishing music, including a poignant song "My Ship," by the German refugee composer Kurt Weill who scored the productions of "The 3-Penny Opera" and "The Eternal Road", and droll lyrics by Ira Gershwin such as:

The mister who once was the master of two
Would make of his mistress his Mrs.
But he's missed out on Mrs. for the mistress is through
What a mess of a mishmash this is!

"Lady in the Dark" has swarthy Victor Mature, latest in Hollywood's series of almost outrageously beautiful young men, who appears in every costume the feminine audience could wish, from breech clout to dress suit. Prepossessing young Macdonald Carey is the editress's eventual sweetheart. And Danny Kaye funny as a pansy fashion photographer who in true Cecil Beatonish style photographs a suit of armour with a blue chiffon scarf wrapped around its metal neck and stuffed doves perched on its shoulders. In the circus dream he scores the comic hit of the show with a jabberwockian song consisting entirely of the names of Russian composers.

Ignoring well-known physical data, the critics fell to raving about Gertrude Lawrence's theatrical versatility. In "Lady in the Dark" she does virtually everything but play a trombone solo. She is on the stage almost all the time. Gertie (age 42), who offstage has never been in a psychoanalyst's office, runs an emotional gamut from the romanticism of a schoolgirl in her teens to the neurotic distress of a mature young woman. She sings sweetly, does high kicks and jazz steps (though with the years they seem somewhat angularly British). She models as few other women could an array of costumes—from a trig purple suit to a sequined man-killer—that had Designer Hattie Carnegie's telephone ringing constantly on the morning after the opening. Once, in changing costumes, Gertie does the next thing to a strip tease, exposing herself in a cobwebby lace slip.

"An Orange and Dirty Stories"

Since her parents were divorced when Gertie was very small, she was brought up by her mother. At ten she made her stage debut in London in a Christmas pantomime of "Babes in the Wood." In another children's play she met a lisping small boy named Noel Coward. In his autobiography, "Present Indicative," he has written: "She...gave me an orange and told me a few mildly dirty stories, and I loved her from then onwards."

There is nothing so grim and grimy as the British provincial theatre, and Gertrude Lawrence had nearly eight years of it, in her teens, before she had a London engagement. When she got a call from the London revue producer, André Charlot, Gertie sneaked her clothes from the theatre where she was playing, borrowed the fare to London, and landed a three-year contract with Charlot starting at $16 a week. Shortly afterwards she married a showman named Francis Xavier Gordon Howley who, as the justice remarked at the divorce proceedings several years later, seemed to have intended to spend the rest of his life living on her income.

In 1935 the luxurious House of Lawrence, assailed by two creditor laundry establishments, was forced into bankruptcy. In the London Bankruptcy Court Gertie cheerfully admitted "living beyond my means" and also mentioned illnesses, British and U. S. income taxes, gifts, publicity entertainment. She let it be known that she had earned £18.000 since early in 1932; that during one period she had got five times as much from admirers (£6,000) as she had earned (£1,300); that she had lost $75,000 worth of jewellery to the pawnshops; that her assets were about £1,900 and her liabilities £24,000. She was discharged with a judgment against her of £3,000, payable in weekly instalments. Her attorney declared that she had only her earning power left. She has never lost it since, and her current take of $4,000-$5,000 weekly from *"Lady in the Dark"* is one of the biggest on theatrical record.

As a prime mover in the American Theatre Wing of the British War Relief Society she has sewed clothing, organized parties and workshops, made speeches, helped move 54 children to the U. S. from the British Actors' orphanage, been mistress of ceremonies on recordings made by Broadway stars for the British forces. She is now raising funds for entertainment units to perform for the troops, and arranging for the nationwide sale of Lawrence-approved fashions, the proceeds to go to Britain. She has a contract option for a three-month vacation this summer, expects to spend it playing in theatricals for English soldiers. The life she leads may well explain why she can eat anything she likes without losing her figure.

WAR FUND BAROMETER

The Voluntary War Contribution Fund has been open for 249 days and there have been 5,735 contributors. The War Savings Association has been open for 255 days and there have been 255 contributors. The latest totals follow:—

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Vol. War Contribution Fund	3,195.00	116,361. 5. 1§
War Savings Association	67,859.51	39,797.15. 4‡

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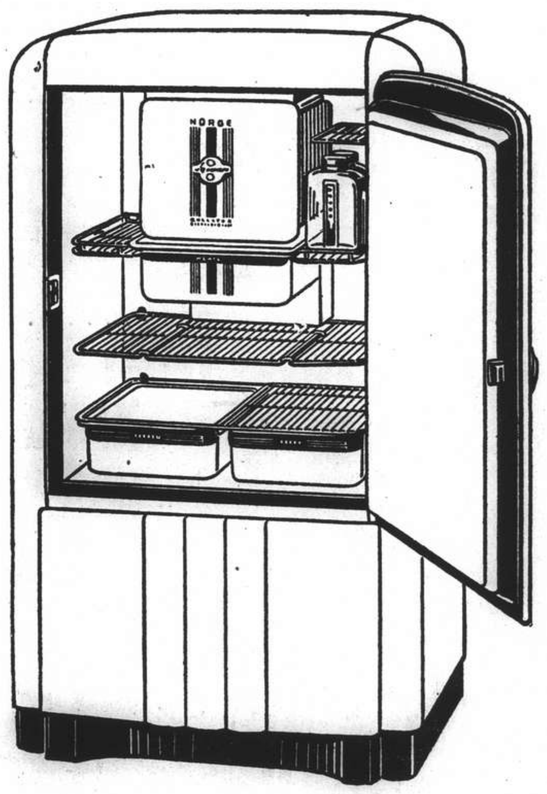

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THE SPORTS PAGE

First Round of Shanghai Ten Pin Commercial Series

Mr. N. E. Lurton's High Single not Enough to Beat Automobiles; Marines Top Engineers

A HIGH single of 258 by Judge N. E. Lurton for the Chamber of Commerce failed to pull them through their match with the Automobiles last night in the Hardwood Section of the City Ten Pin Commercial League series.

Lurton's high tally, coupled with consistent bowling in the last two strings, gave him high triple honours as well.

With the handicap three to one against them the Chamber of Commerce squad, nevertheless, won the last frame which saved a shutout and kept the team in the runner-up berth deadlocked with the Accountants.

The 1st Battalion's 2-1 victory over the mightly Engineers gave them the lead in the Hardwood Section on a solitary game. The leaders have a well-balanced team and last night's win places them as the favourities for the honours.

The teams are well bunched in the Softwood race as the results returned were as expected. The high guns in this group were Poliak and Brown who recorded tallies of 199 and 549 for the single and triple honours, respectively.

The Telephone outfit was the only team to score a shutout a the expence of the Transportation group on fairly close games. The difference in handicap was nine points on the total The scores in detail follow:—

Hardwood Section

1st Batt. USMC 2		Engineering 1	
Long	498	Gallop	461
Mudry	523	Dobrenky	520
Freeny	176	Swan	487
Pickup	488	Chanturai	434
Roles	472	Kohnert	514
Nelson	374	Handicap	324
Handicap	346		
	2,877		2,740

G-Men 2		Headquarters 1	
White	447	Le Claire	406
Engdahl	291	Forsyth	443
Mulliner	416	Novak	528
Howes	463	Uhlinger	472
Collins	506	Dolinsek	533
Cherp	84	Handicap	309
Handicap	571		
	2,312		2,691

Accountants 2		Texaco Bears 1	
Watton	497	Bieling	258
Mottu	473	Robertson	275
Huggett	514	Henke	461
Eisenhut	553	Willis	479
Cochran	568	Foyn	503
Handicap	399	Marshall	281
		Handicap	621
	2,994		2,878

Automobiles 2		Ch. of Commerce 1	
Huppman	552	Lurton	605
Laney	418	Janszen	462
Manney	384	Perry	436
Ricks	501	Clark	535
Bourne	512	Quinn	481
Handicap	639	Handicap	306
	3,011		2,875

Softwood Section

A.A.U. 2		2nd Batt. USMC 1	
Collins	327	Marshall	490
Polis	473	McQuarry	449
Deatsch	260	George	459
Brenner	348	Taylor	526
Lorenzen	398	McMahon	123
Handicap	828	Deerfield	315
		Handicap	308
	2,634		2,660

Post-Mercury 2		Texaco Stabs 1	
Stagg	445	Worden	410
Meyer	339	Gorman	496
Mrantz	477	Mayer	424
Howard	312	Smith	438
Butler	266	Krause	521
Wilhoit	289	Handicap	450
Handicap	452		
	2,560		2,747

Telephone 3		Transportation 0	
Poliak	491	Polin	506
Symons	358	Healey	317
Souter	503	Hubert	478
Cuthbert	483	Young	421
Klovekorn	489	Crow	405
Handicap	492	Handicap	501
	2,816		2,628

Ship. & Ins. 2		Chase Bank 1	
Hebel	439	Ryan	396
Dalton	423	Benney	403
Brown	549	Rauch	255
Elliott	472	Karg	408
Gonsalves	508	Robinson	304
Handicap	270	Duthie	216
		Handicap	467
	2,661		2,468

Ten Pin Mixed Doubles Final

Keen Contest Anticipated Tonight at Foreign "Y"; Four Favoured Couples

Kegling enthusiasts will be out en masse this evening at the Foreign "Y" to watch their favourites in the final round of the City Mixed Doubles Ten Pin Championship. Mrs. Prince and J. O. Pote-Hunt, runners-up, will open the sesson in the company of Miss Jackson-Bennett and Miss Nichols-Taylor at 4.30 sharp.

A keen tussle for premier honours is on tap with the final issue resting between the present leaders, Miss Prince-Dolinsek, and Mrs. Prince—Pote-Hunt. Mrs. McDonnell-Hilden and Mr. and Mrs. Hales. Despite a lead of 47 points and the brilliant trundling of Dolinsek last week, when he came within an ace of breaking the all-high triple mark of 686 set by Kleffel in 1935, the favourites for the title are Mrs. Prince and Pote-Hunt. The latter's high returns on the Foreign "Y" runways this season gives him the edge on today's play and given an even break should carry the pair through to the title worth watching.—

The starting times follow:—

4.30 Mrs. Prince and Pote-Hunt
Miss Jackson and Bennett
Miss Nichols and Taylor
5.20 Mrs. Eisenhut and Eisenhut
Mrs. Bojesen and Butler
Mrs. Boardman and Marshall
6.10 Miss Picozzi and L. C. Kew
Mrs. Bradley and Chanturai
Mrs. Hale and Hale
Miss Wootten and Gallop
7.00 Mrs. Swan and Swan
Mrs. McDonnell and Hilden
Miss Prince and Dolinsek
7.50 Mrs. Collaco and Gonsalves
Mrs. Bowern and Krause
Mrs. Aeschbach and Aeschbach
Miss Dunn and Pickup
8.40 Mrs. Schmid and Schmid
Mrs. Sobel and Kleffel
Mrs. Hagauer and Roles
9.30 Miss Warmoth and Dalton
Mrs. Malone and Stortz
Mrs. Squires and Squires
Miss Brewer and Hebel

Shanghai Golf Club Hong Foursomes

The draw of the Shanghai Golf Club Hong Foursomes is appended:—

First Round

G. Bourne	15	L. D. Carson	2
T. S. Parry	9	F. Cowherd	9
E. Jacobs	12	W. H. C. Huggett	3
T. A. Cooper	17	F. Marshall	11
B. S. Jenkins	20	J. H. Underwood	5
J. Stevenson	9	D.A. MacFarlane	19
D. R. Glass	4	H. R Cleland	10
W. B. Rigden	13	T. C. G. Pearson	10
D. Keating	24	J. W. Patrick	
R. A. Henningsen	6	H. H. Cameron	12
J. S. MacDonald	3	J. O Drysdale	20
A. L. Piper	16	J. M. Pearson	16
J. C. Dickson	7	R. J. Wall	9
J. T. Rogers	24	E. F. Hartnett	18
R. D. Bell	7	W. M. Chalmers	10
P. H. Scoones	6	I. L. G. Wheeler	10
T. D. Drysdale	19	L. Ovadia	18
D. C. Berger	17	F. R. Engdahl	16
W.R. McCutcheon	10	W. H. B. Rigg	5
S. J. H. Fox	4	J. B. Martin	16
R. A. Jones	20	A. D. Denton	20
E. S. Easley	18	H. W. Brooke	11

Second Round

R. M. Ballingall	7	L. R. Schinazi	24
K. E. Graham	10	J. M. Avent	10
S. C. Brisk	20	A. J. S. Parkhill	18
W. W. Jourdin	12	L. A. McCants	18
T. Otorii	16	N. E. Lurton	9

Singles Tournament

The following is draw:

First Round

T. Otorii	16	A. Pratt	8
J. F. Brister	12	J. S King	12
T. D. Drysdale	18	F. Isherwood	14
S. J. H Fox	4	H. H. Cameron	12
J. B. Martin	16	D. N. Carpenter	24
J. H. Underwood	5	D. R. Glass	4
S. C. Brisk	20	W. H. C. Huggett	3
W. A. McDonald	18	L. A McCants	18
R. A. Jones	20	J. C. Dickson	7
J. M. Pearson	16	R. A. Henningsen	6
D. C. Berger	17	T. A. Cooper	17
I. L. G. Wheeler	10	F. Dejong	14
W. W. Jourdin	12	J. T. Rogers	24
J. Stevenson	9	E. S. Easley	18
F. Marshall	11	F. R. Engdahl	16
H. W. Snow	24	R. T. Dwyer	3
J. S MacDonald	3	D.A. MacFarlane	19
W. H. B. Rigg	5	L. Saphiere	6
W. M. Chalmers	10	D. Keating	24
B. S. Jenkins	20	J. O. Drysdale	20
J. B. Sawyer	24	A. L. Piper	16

Second Round

N. E. Lurton	9	W.R.McCutcheon	20
B J. Wall	9	A. J Clark	9
P. H. Scoones	6	W. J. Ward	22
J. K. Ewing	14	R. D. Bell	7
A. D. Openshaw	20	T. S. M. Terrace	5
F. Cowherd	9		

First and second rounds must be played off on or before March 30.

Attention Focussed on Mini-soccer; Season's Competition to Start Soon

Eight Senior Teams Signify Willingness to Participate; Entries Close on March 25

With the standard soccer breathing its last for the season—there being only three senior matches left—attention is now focussed on the start of the Mini-soccer Association League, which will swing into action in the first week of April. The Association has issued a notice asking teams to fill in their applications and to send them to the Hon. Secretary, Aurora Mini-soccer Association, Aurora University, 223 Avenue Dubail, before 6 p.m. on March 25. The applications should be accompanied by entrance and forfeit fees, fixed at $10 each.

Although no list of entries has been issued yet, it is understood that the season promises to be very successful. Among those who have signified their willingness to participate are French Forces, French Navy, Association Sportive Francaise, Russian Athletic Association, Lusitano, Lido, Cosmos and St. Francis Xavier's.

With three French teams in the League, the players expect to clear the League and win the International Cup. The French Forces have made quite a name for themselves last year and with players like Le Bras, Heloyan, Kinker, Vinh, Sinh and Flandell, they stand a fine chance this season. The A.S.F., too, have a strong team and there are rumours that it will be an all-French side.

All the matches will be played at the Aurora University grounds on Saturdays and Sundays, although week days may also be utilized for the games. The games will be of 30 minutes each way. Last year Chinese referees of the S.F.A. officiated at the matches, but it is understood that foreign arbiters will be asked this season.

Mini-soccer is played in accordance with the same rules that govern standard football, with the exception of that the teams are of seven players each. They constitute the goalie, two barks, one half-back and three forwards. The size of the field and ball are also smaller, while the duration is of 30 minutes each way. In case of draws in cup games, extra periods of fifteen minutes are given.

Earl Meadows Smashes Pole Vault Mark

New York, Mar. 10.

World records toppled right and left at Saturday's 22nd annual Knights of Columbus Track Meet held at the Madison Square Garden. Earl Meadows smashed the world's indoor pole vault record by crossing the bar at 14 ft. 7⅞ in.

Another world mark was shattered when Al Blozis heaved the 16-pound shot 56 ft. 2⅞ in. John Borian, running under the colours of the Asbury Park A.A., won the Casey 600-yd. invitation run in the fast time of 1 min. 10.2 sec. to hang up another world record.—Domei.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Taking the Ball on with Their Feet

A tense moment in the game between the Japanese Rugby Association's first XV and the Shanghai Rugby Club's first XV at Kiaochow Park on Sunday, when the Japanese won by 14 points to 13. The picture shows Japanese outsides and forwards taking the ball on towards the Club line with their feet.

Improbables to Meet Impossibles In First Press Trial Today

Massed Material Presents Formidable Task For Selectors; Glut of Fine Players

The mighty Press machine will make a gallant attempt to progress from the problematical to the practical this afternoon when a stern effort will be made to hold something that it hoped to resemble a practice match. The task is admittedly a Herculean one, but the Knights of the Typewriter are more than confident that their efforts will bear abundant fruit, not to mention beer.

The Primary problem facing the selectors will be one of sorting out the massed material on hand, with the added difficulty of inculcating the idea into the heads of the eager "paper" athletes that a major essential in any soccer team is that there should be eleven men playing in eleven specific and different positions on the field. Up to date, the Press team consists (on their own recommendations) of thirteen centre-forwards, two goalies, six full backs, nine outside rights, five inside rights, four inside lefts, and one player whose untrammelled soul refuses to be hampered by the petty restrictions of any one specified role.

Shortage of Halves

As may be gathered, there is a shortage of halves and an outside left. On the other hand it is more than probable that the number of eager centre-forwards will have to be cut down. It is also deemed somewhat doubtful that the Refs will take to the idea of facing two custodians in the same goal—their task of locating the net being quite hard enough even without the encumbrance of a keeper.

Having had plenty of experience in reporting these affairs, the Pressmen are well up in the etiquette. In their best tradition, two powerful Press teams will engage in strenuous combat—to give themselves some idea of the game and the selectors other ideas of the task ahead of them. The entire Race Course has been placed at the complete disposal of the Type-ribbon Kings, but they have magnanimously decided to confine their activities to one ground only—either R.G.1 or R.G.2—depending on whichever is located by the Press sleuths first. Once the venue has been discovered, it will be swamped at once by the hordes of the invading reporters who will lose no time in engaging in the turmoil of battle.

Endeavour to Wreak Mayhem

The Improbables, headed by none than that wizard of the Ink, David Zentner, will endeavour to wreak mayhem on the no less stalwart Impossibles, under the cunning generalship of Major Hoople, alias Abe (Yogi) Frank, who has been so unfortunate this season in picking his predictions out of a hat.

While there may be a few Doubting Thomases who are somewhat sceptical as to the final result, the legions of the Fourth Estate are certain to treat their followers and the selection committee to an interesting—to say the least of it—exhibition of the game.

Although the standard of soccer may not exactly qualify in the "scintillating" variety, it is more than probable that several new angles will be exploited in a manner that will surely be an eye-opener to all those who foundly imagine that they know all the "ins" and "outs" of football, which is putting it mildly.

All Pressmen selected for playing are requested to turn out at the Race Course this afternoon—if they can possibly tear themselves away from their work. Time, 4 p.m. Ground, R.G.1 or thereabouts.

Among the heroes who will be on hand today are:—

"Vie" Schneierson, C. E. M. Brown, T. Butler, L. Stagge, D. Zentner, S. T. Berglof, A. Frank, G. R. Botelho, Altclass, Ladar, J. Aldeguer, Senichenko, Taylor, G. Greenberg, Briggs, E. S. Jacob, S. Jacob, Shukers, Eric Cumine and T. Baker.

This stupendous and by no means inarticulate match will be played on the Race Course on Sunday and gore and beer are sure to be seen in huge quantities.

Golf Match Between National Societies

Irish Players Dominate Welsh Participants

The annual golf match between the members of the Saint Patrick's Society and Saint David's Society for the cup kindly donated by Mr. Hopkin Rees was played for over the Seekingjao course, through the courtesy of the committee, on Sunday, which is the Sunday lying between the two National days.

The golf on the part of the members of the David's Society was not strictly in accordance with the athletic traditions of the Principality as all the singles, except one in the morning, were won by the men of Erin.

The outstanding feature, however, of the four-ball play was that the Irish Open Champion of China, R. T. Dwyer, was unable to do more than halve the four-ball match, in which he was engaged in the afternoon, though he properly trounched his opponent in the morning.

The day was, however, a thoroughly enjoyable one and the kindness of the committee of the Seekingjao Golf Club in permitting the use of its course was much appreciated.

St. Patrick's	Singles	4 ball	St. David's	Singles	4 ball
R. T. Dwyer	1		K. E. Newman	0	
B. J. Wall	1	0	T. S. Powell	0	0
I.L.G. Wheller	1		H.F. Prytherch	0	
J. F. Brister	1	2	J.A. Bonnyman	0	0
J. H. Perry	1		A. J. Evans	0	
P. A. Corbett	0	0	T. J. Evans	0	0
A. D. Denton	1		J. R. Jones	0	
A.J.S. Parkhill	1	2	T. H. Gwynne	0	0
F. S. Ramplin	1	3	E. Williams	0	
Total	8	12	Total	0	0

Police Meet Tung Hwa on Saturday

League Championship In Balance; Special Charity Match Being Arranged

Three more senior teams will wind up their schedule the coming week-end, with the year's crucial game to be played at the Canidrome on Saturday afternoon when S.M.P., current leaders of the League and hot favourites for the championship, will meet Tung Hwa. The outcome of the issue will decide the winner of the League. Should the policemen win or even draw, the League will be theirs. A win for the Chinese—and it is not improbable after their showing against Lusitano last Saturday—will see Tung Hwa recapture the championship once again.

The match will be played at 2.30 p.m. and a huge crowd is expected to witness the encounter, as the Chinese have recaptured some of their lost prestige and their partisans will turn out enforce to see them play the team that has twice already beaten them.

It is very difficult to envisage just who will win the game, both sides having excellent chances to pave their way for the victory. With N. Z. Lee dropping to the back line, the Chinese boast of a good defence, while K. H. Huang demonstrated that he was quite an opportunist in the forward line. The lawkeepers, too, have a strong defence, while their attacking line is one of the best, this being demonstrated by their game against J.R.C. on Saturday when they scored six goals in the second half.

The third senior team to end their season will be the S.R.C., who will meet Lusitano at R. G. 2. The Portuguese won the initial game easily just three weeks ago and should repeat their performance, especially since the Recs have deteriorated considerably.

It is also announced that arrangements are being made for the staging of a special charity match about April 5, between Portugal, winners of the International Cup, and the Rest of Shanghai. More details will be issued in due course. Our choice for the Rest would be: Premet, Collet, N. Z. Lee, Symons, Leriou, S. T. Liang, Foyn, Kidby, Karolitch, J. Ward and Chooklantzeff.

The programme for the week-end follows:—

Saturday

1st Division:—S.M.P. *v.* Tung Hwa, Canidrome, 2.30 p.m.
2nd Division:—Sokol *v.* Unison F.C., Aurora, 3.20 p.m.
3rd Division:—Aurora *v.* Hotspurs, Aurora, 2 p.m.

Sunday

Special Match:—Press *v.* Referees, Aurora, 10.30 a.m.
1st Division:—S.R.C. *v.* Lusitano, R.G. 2, 2 p.m.
2nd Division:—Russian Regiment *v.* Three Cultures, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.
3rd Division:—Wha Lien *v.* Betar, Aurora, 3.20 p.m.; Y.T.T. *v.* Xaverians, Aurora, 2 p.m.

Joan Fontaine, blonde, sensational star of "Rebecca" and many other highly successful films, has been borrowed from Selznick-International to appear opposite Cary Grant in RKO Radio's coming major feature, "Before the Fact." Alfred Hitchcock, who recently completed the Carole Lombard-Robert Montgomery starring vehicle, "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," for RKO, will direct "Before the Fact."

First Round of Junior Squash Rackets

Botelho Stages Great Comeback to Win

The first round of the junior squash racquets was completed last night when the last match, between G. R. Botelho and J. G. W. Lewis, was played off at the Rowing Club courts. After a gruelling tussle which went the duration, Botelho just managed to win. Meanwhile, at the same courts, A. V. Striker eliminated D. Ramplin, who drew a bye in the first round in four games.

By defeating Lewis, Botelho will now have to face one of the principal contenders for the junior title this year, C. C. Squires.

Lewis started off good style and walked through the first two sets. Through careless play he gave away the first four points in the opening game, but he more than made up for this with smashing hits to gain nine straight points. A closer tussle was seen in the second round when Botelho extended him to a 9-6 game.

With defeat staring him straight in the face Botelho made a desperate come-back and, after winning the next two sets to tie the score in games, he was rather lucky in the deciding frame to annex several gift points through ace serves, finally winning by the decisive margin of 9-1.

Superior Player

Striker was obviously the superior player in his match against D. Ramplin and, although he dropped one game, he was never in serious danger of losing. He seemed overconfident and lost several point by hitting the tin with his drop-shots.

None of the players was at their best yesterday as, owing to humidity, the walls were damp and whenever the ball struck, it either slipped several inches or dropped altogether, catching totally unawares the players. When players began to accustom themselves they were still caught flat-footed time and again.

The detailed scores were:—

G. R. Botelho beat J. G. W. Lewis 4-9, 7-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-1.
A. V. Striker beat D. Ramplin 3-1.

Today's Fixtures

This afternoon's fixture will see the elimination of either the Rowing Club "B2" or the Race Club from the junior division of the Squash Racquets Knockout competition and, as there have been so many upsets both in tournament and championship series during the past fortnight, it is difficult to tell which will emerge victors this afternoon and gain the right to meet the Columbia Country Club in the semi-final.

Another Challenge Hurled at Press

Bakerite Amazons Ready For Fourth Estate in Basketball Game

At a tea reception given by the members of the Bakerite girls basketball team over the week-end, for the purpose of presenting their two coaches, Schaull and Hicks, with tokens of their appreciation, Shanghai's various Sports Editors, who—strangely enough—were also invited to the function, underwent further insult when the fleet-footed Amazons hurled a challenge to them to engage them in combat in the murderous intricacies of what is politely termed basketball. Shaken, but by no means daunted, the leaders of the Sporting Press gave further evidence of their incalculable nerve (if such is needed) by promptly accepting the frightful request.

It is to be hoped that their temerity will not prove too detrimental to their good looks, as anyone who has watched these modern Dianas engaged in this demon pastime will fully appreciate the dangers to which they are subjecting themselves.

Diabolical Cunning

With diabolical cunning the girls have selected next Monday as the date for the fracas, doubtless hoping that the cream of the Press aggregation will be in hospital after their battle to the death with the Refs the day before.

Hoping that their scars will at least be honourable ones, the sportswriters are turning out the following unfortunates, like lambs for the slaughter, to be butchered for the Bakerite maidens:

C. E. M. Brown ("N.C.D.N."), Lionel Stagg ("Post"), S. T. Berglof ("Shanghai Times"), A. Frank ("China Press") and G. R. Botelho ("N.C.D.N.").

Club Hippique Opens Spring Season

Entries Disappointing; Quality Not Quantity

The Club Hippique International opened their spring season at their grounds on the Hungjao Road on Sunday morning. There were two event. For juniors over seven jumps.

Results:—1.—Leslie Popple on Happy Go Lucky; 2.—George McBain on Corona; 3.—Marion Maitland on Bamboo.

Open to all riders (over 17) 10 jumps. Ponies previous winners to be handicapped. The entries were:—

F. M. Massot on Paris Sport! S. Stucken on Pageant Morn; Mrs. Woolley on Cavalier; Miss Von Schubert on Aragon; R. Houdayer on Boggie; F. M. Massot on Sirocco; Mrs. Woolley on Refinement; Mrs. Abbott on Penny. 1.—Miss Von Schuber; 2.—Mrs. Wolley; 3.—Mrs. Abbott.

Penny, a previous winner, was handicapped—each competitor had to make two rounds so that the juniors took fourteen jumps in all and the seniors 20. Entries were rather disappointing, but what was lacking in quantity, was made up for by quality, the winner's performance in the senior event being particularly good. The next competition will take place on March 23. Event No. 1. Jumping by pairs—for ponies that have never won a jumping competition (juniors and adults) to be handicapped. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on March 22, at the Club House in Hungjao Road or the secretary's office, 304 Mohawk Road.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE raffle for the tapestry stool, in aid of the Voluntary War Fund, was won by ticket 365.

ANOTHER broadcast entitled "Uncensored News From Norway" will be delivered by Mr. K. A. Persen over XMHA. on Friday, at 9 p.m.

MISS E. M. Hinder will speak on "Rehabilitation of street children." at the Rotary Club meeting on Thursday at 12.15 p.m., Metropole Hotel, 1st floor.

A DAYLIGHT armed highway robbery was committed by a desperado on Foochow Road, near Kwangse Road, at 7.30 a.m. yesterday when a Chinese woman was robbed of an overcoat valued at $400. The robber got away before the arrival of police.

MR. G. E. Marden has been invited to speak before the regular weekly tiffin of the Shanghai Y's Men's Club, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., 123 Boulevard de Montigny, at noon today. Tis topic will be "The capital market in Shanghai."

A DOUBLE attempt to suicide was committed at 8.55 p.m. yesterday when a young Chinese couple jumped into Whangpoo from the No. 5 Pontoon on the Bund. They were rescued and taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital. No reason for the attempt was known yesterday.

ANOTHER case of car commandeering was reported yesterday at 9.30 o'clock in the morning when three men, two of them armed, stopped the vehicle on Boulevard de Montigny, pushed the chauffeur out and drove away. The car has not been recovered yet.

THE engine of a route No. 10 bus was badly damaged by flames at 9.35 a.m. yesterday. The bus was proceeding along Connaught Road when, only a few yards from Ferry Road, the engine caught fire. The passengers alighted and firemen from the Ichang Road station arrived, putting the flames out in less than ten minutes. No one was injured.

BY one of those coincidences so frequent in life, XCDN's symphony concert today features Glazounow's Seasons—the Ballet's latest offering. The Berlioz Overture, "Cellini" and the "Eroica"—Beethoven's 3rd. Symphony played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Serge Koussevitsky conducting, complete the ninety-minute programme.

LORD Cavan, one of the chairmen of the boards which are to grant commissions in the Home Guard, has had a remarkable military career. He had retired from the Army to become an M.F.H. when the Great War broke out, but he was recalled in 1914 and played a big part in command of the 4th Guards Brigade at the first Battle of Ypres. Later he served in Italy, and actually commanded an Italian army after the disaster of Caporetto.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending March 8, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession was—Foreigners 8 and Chinese 213. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, pneumonia 2, and Chinese, tuberculosis 39; typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 15; pneumonia 8; diphtheria 2; measles 2 and recurring fever, cerebrospinal meningitis, typhus fever one each.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight March 8, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement was—Foreign 11 and Chinese 1053. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis, measles one each. Chinese, tuberculosis 52; measles 27; typhoid fever 19; influenza 6; beri-beri 3 and diphtheria, cerebrospinal fever, dysentery, malaria, relapsing fever one each.

THE well-known Chinese economist, and Chairman of the Economic Committee of the Legislative Yuan, Dr. Ma Yin-chu, is confined in Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow province, as a result of his criticism of China's wartime economic policy, says a report to the "Ping Pao." In Kweiyang also, the "Young Marshall," Chang Hsueh-liang, is also reported to be confined and placed under surveillance since the coup d'etat which precipitated the "Sian Incident," in 1936.

AIR Vice-Marshal John H. D'Albiac, promoted for his conspicuous services in Greece, where he commands all the British forces now there, will be in his element, for he has specialized in work with both Naval and Army units. He served in both the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Naval Air Service, and with Army Co-operation Groups of the R.A.F. Of happy and adventurous disposition, he is sturdy in frame; much attached to sport, especially fishing, golf, and tennis.

GENERAL G. W. S. Dobbie, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta, has infected the civil as well as the military population of the island with his faith in victory. Never a morning nor night passes but the general prays—and with those of his Staff who are willing to join him—for guidance and victory. The dispositions taken for the defence of the island are a tribute to his skilful conception of a trained engineer's defence scheme. And it must not be forgotten the Singapore defences owe a great deal to General Dobbie's military genius.

THE Photographic Society of Hongkong, having sponsored, for the last two years, two very successful All-China exhibition of photography, has decided to extend the scope of this year's show. It will be known as the first China International salon of photography, and will be open to entrants from anywhere in the world. An exhibition of selected prints will be held in Hongkong from December 1 to 7, 1941, inclusive. The closing date for the receipt of entries is November 1. Intending exhibitors are limited to not more than four prints per person. Prints will be returned within a week of the closing of the exhibition, and entry forms may be obtained on application to the Hon. Salon Secretary 117, Prince's Building, Hongkong.

Queen Wilhelmina and Her Ministers Active

Another War Portrait Broadcast over Station XCDN by Mr. John Harford

THE subject of Mr. John Harford's war portrait last week was "Queen Wilhelmina and her Ministers," broadcast over XCDN last Saturday evening. Mr. Harford dealt with the courageous and determined spirit in which the Netherlands ruler is holding her Empire together, from London, although she has lost her own country. The ministers, too, are doing their share in this work, and waiting patiently for the day when a British victory will make it possible for them to return to Holland. The talk follows:—

Ever since 1715 when the struggle against Spain and the expansionist tendencies of France in their direction had come to an end, the Netherlands have been a factor for stability in European politics.

"Since the end of the Napoleonic era the Netherlands have been united under a constitutional monarchy hereditary in the House of Orange.

"Typical of everything for which the Netherlands stand, of good Government, orderly progress, social justice, tolerance and liberty, is the present Sovereign, Wilhelmina, Queen of the Netherlands, Princess of the House of Orange-Nassau.

Lifetime of Service

"Born in 1880 Queen Wilhelmina succeeded her father when she was ten years old and has spent a lifetime in devotion to the peaceful government of the Netherlands and their extensive and important overseas territories; in devotion too to the welfare of her people whose happiness and prosperity have been her constant care.

"In his book "The Rape of the Netherlands" Mr. Van Kleffens, Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs, asks what answer his readers would have given in 1939 to the following question:—

"Give me the name of a well-governed European country where there is an exceptionally large measure of social justice; where wealth is more evenly distributed than in most European countries as there is neither unlimited private wealth nor dire poverty; a country which wisely governs its overseas territories; a country with a name in the fields of the arts and sciences, with a proportionately very large number of Nobel prize-winners; a democratic country on whose republican past a time-honoured constitutional monarchy has been grafted. A country, finally, which does not covet anything belonging to anyone else; a land of liberty, of tolerance, of patient, unspectacular labour and achievement.

"With characteristic modesty and fairness he continues that the name of more than one country might have been given "But there seems little doubt", he says, "that Holland would have ranked near the top."

No Higher Tribute

"One can pay no higher tribute to the country than to say that Mr. van Kleffens is right; and no higher tribute to Queen Wilhelmina than to acknowledge that in the forty-three years that she has reigned in her own name she has in a very large measure been responsible for these blessings of peace and prosperity that have been enjoyed by her people.

"As the true mother of her country Queen Wilhelmina has taken a very practical interest in and direction of, the social life of her people, as well as the political life of her country. She is rewarded by the love and devotion of her people towards her not merely as subjects to their sovereign but as honest and free men and women towards one whom they feel to be their friend. This love has been manifested on occasions of joy and of sorrow; upon the birth of the Crown Princess Juliana; upon her marriage to Prince Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld who has made his own place in the affections of his adopted nation; upon the birth of the Queen's two grandchildren; and now upon the escape of the Royal Family from the dastardly attempts on their lives by the Nazis, and upon the sorrow of that parting from her people in the Netherlands which the Queen was forced to make.

"It is no sinecure to assume and faithfully carry out the duties of a constitutional monarch nowadays; and the care for her peoples' and her country's welfare has been overshadowed twice in Queen Wilhelmina's long reign by the threat of war. With the terroritories of Netherlands East Indies and of Surinam and Curacao, no less than the Netherlands in Europe, situated in places where lines of communication of world wide importance intersect, commanding waterways of vital interest to all nations, Dutch foreign policy has of necessity been one of neutrality and of choice one of scrupulous aloofness from commitments with other powers.

Maintained Neutrality

"Between 1914 and 1918 Queen Wilhelmina was able to maintain her country's neutrality. For the first nine months of the present war she worked tirelessly towards the same end, and in repeated attempts to stem the rising tide of war; but in vain. On May 10, 1940 the unprovoked Nazi attack began, an attack which was particluarly directed at the person of the Queen herself and at the Royal family. By the May 13 while on her way to safety in the little Zeeland harbour of Breskens which the Nazi attack finally denied her, the Queen was forced to turn and seek refuge in England. In her address to the world after reaching London she gave her reason. "I have taken the supreme decision to transfer the symbol of My Nation as it is embodied in My Person and My Government, where it can continue to function as a living and vocal force."

"There in London she continues to rule her overseas Empire while waiting for the moment when she will be able to return to her country, from which the mad dogs of Europe have driven her.

"The only member of the Royal family still with Queen Wilhelmina is Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands principal A.D.C. to the Queen and liaison officer between the Netherlands and British forces in the United Kingdom.

Fine Representative

"Representative of Netherlands youth and determination, Prince Bernhard has well deserved his title "Prince of the Netherlands"; for the manner in which he has identified himself with the country and the people since his marriage to Crown Princess Juliana; for the assistance he has been able to give to Queen Wilhelmina in her task of Government; and not least for his courageous conduct in the Netherlands campaign, particularly during the attack on the Royal Palace when he set up a machine gun on the roof and hunted parachutists, snipers and low-flying planes. He returned to the Continent after the Royal family were safely brought to England and was present when the last remnants of Netherlands forces withdrew from Zeeland and Flanders.

"When the record of this period of Netherlands history is written Prince Bernhard will be proved to have been a worthy Netherlander.

"One of the most valued collaborators of the Queen is Jonkheer Beelaerts van Blokland, Chamberlain to the Queen since 1927 and Vice-President of the State Council.

"He is a man of clear insight and firm decision and has had wide experience of affairs having spent many years in the diplomatic service. He was Netherlands Minister in Peiping during the last war and is therefore personally known to many people in China today. Afterwards he became Minister of Foreign Affairs.

"He is a leader, but modest, amiable but firm and an unshakeable "Rock amidst the breakers" in London where his calmness and wisdom make him an excellent Counsellor.

"Professor Gerbrandy, the Prime Minister, belongs to the anti-revolutionary political party, which gives the Cabinet a coalition appearance since his party is in opposition to it. He was professor of commercial law at the Free University of Amsterdam, a Calvinistic Educational Institution. He entered the Cabinet as Minister of Justice and immediately showed all the good qualities of a staunch Calvinist; physically strong and placidly aggressive.

The Prime Minister

"Professor Gerbrandy's appointment as Prime Minister caused general satisfaction in London and he may be considered as typical of the strength of character of the entire Netherlands nation, convinced of victory and unimpressed by Nazi claims.

"Mr. E. N. van Klepens, the Foreign Minister, has had an exceptionally brilliant career. He was appointed as Foreign Minister just before the outbreak of the war at the age of 41 when he was hardly known to the general public.

"He was trained as a lawyer, joined the Royal Dutch Shell group, then later on the Secretariat of the League of Nations, and shortly afterwards the Foreign Office where he has worked for many years. He at once attracted attention in the Foreign Office and soon became head of the Diplomatic Service Department.

"Mr. van Kleffens has a brilliant mind and a courageous spirit and is well suited to direct the foreign relations of his country in these difficult times.

Other Figures

"The other principal figures surrounding the Queen, or exercising authority in her name, are Mr. van Beyens, the financial adviser; Vice-Admiral Fuerstner, Commander-in-Chief of Naval Forces in the United Kingdom, which are doing so much to aid their British allies in their manifold tasks; and finally, Jonkheer Tjarda van Starkenborgh-Stachouwer, Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, an able and careful administrator.

"Queen Wilhelmina and her Ministers continue to contribute in a most practical way to the ultimate defeat of Nazism and I cannot do better than to close my talk by reminding you of the Queen's words to her people on May 13, 1940:—

"Let no one despair. Let everybody do his utmost in the well understood interests of the country. We do ours. Long Live the Netherlands."

N.E.I. Goods for Japan Under Export Quota

Tokyo, Mar. 10.

Export quotas for the shipment of Netherlands East Indies raw products to Japan have been communicated to the Japanese Consulate-General by the Netherlands authorities, according to a Japanese report from Batavia.

The restriction is based upon export control regulations published on February 7 and enforced on February 15, but in the case of Japan these regulations became effective on March 1, it is added.—Reuter.

Third Anniversary Of Austria's Fall

Hope Stronger Than Ever That Hitlerism Will Be Defeated by Britain

Free Austrians all over the world will mark the third anniversary of Austria's "liberation" by German troops, which marched into Vienna and other Austrian cities three years ago today, more hopeful than ever before that the day is nearing when Hitler and his associates will be defeated and a new and prosperous Austria will rise out of the chaos created by Nazidom.

Exactly three years ago, thousands of fanatical youths lined up the streets of Austrian cities to welcome German troops, which would give the population the *lebensraum* of which so much had been heard, but which in reality turned a beautiful and prosperous country into a nation filled with suspicion, dissatisfaction, hatred and regret.

When Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Chancellor of Austria, offered a plebiscite in order to allow the people to decide themselves what régime they wanted and when this offer was rejected by Hitler, who was afraid to run any risks, he saw no other alternative but to resign. In his last broadcast to the Austrian people, Dr. von Schuschnigg told Austrians that the day had placed them in a tragic and decisive situation. The German Government had handed an ultimatum to President Miklas, ordering him to nominate as Chancellor a person to be designated by them and to appoint members of the cabinet also favouring the Nazi régime. A time limit was given after which Austria would be invaded by German troops.

In solemn tones, the Austrian Chancellor declared that reports issued about bloodshed created by labour disorders were false. He then stated that they had been forced to yield to German demands, being completely unprepared to offer any resistance to the German troops. Dr. von Schuschnigg concluded his broadcast with a word of farewell and "God Save Austria."

Today, free Austrians, many of whom have succeeded in escaping and are now in the ranks of the democratic armies fighting against tyranny, will pray for a British victory over bloodthirsty Hitlerism, a victory which will liberate thousands of people of Europe from the yoke imposed by a fanatic, who has thrown the world into chaos by his dream of world domination.

Shipyards Controlled By British Admiralty

New Step Taken to Ensure Maximum Output

London, Mar. 10.

All British shipbuilding and ship repairing yards have been placed under the control of the Admiralty.

This step, announced last night, has been taken to ensure the greatest possible output of new ships and speedy repairs.

The Parliamentary Secretary for the First Lord of the Admiralty emphasized the importance of shipping developments in an address to a conference of the Labour Party yesterday.

Last year, he said, everything depended on the production of aircraft. This year the problem was based on shipping.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour said that an enormous task had been imposed on the Navy to maintain food supplies and raw materials, and "we must call on every men in docks and shipyards or associated in shipping net to wilt an inch."—Reuter.

Japanese Evacuees Arrive in Kobe

Tokyo, Mar. 10.

Eighty Japanese women and children evacuees from Singapore and eight from Hongkong and Manila arrived aboard the N.Y.K. liner Hakone Maru in Kobe yesterday.—Reuter.

Japan Urged to Develop China's Resources

Conduct of Economic War Between Japan and America Discussed in Tokyo Paper

Tokyo, Mar. 10.

BY developing the resources of Manchoukuo and occupied China to the fullest extent, Japan should be able to hold her own in the event of an all-out economic war with the United States.

This is the opinion of Dr. Kennosuke Kinbara, professor of economy at Hosei University, writing in the university's organ, the "Hosei Daigaku Shimbun."

He admits that Japan has expended a tremendous amount of material because of the China war, but at the same time states that she has gained access to valuable new material resources.

In the event of a conflict between Japan and the United States, the Professor declares, it would be extremely difficult for their armed forces to come to grips in a military sense, wherefore it is probable that strategy on both sides would be directed towards economic paralysis.

Dr. Kinbara continues: "Economic wars are fought in two ways negative and positive. A positive economic war is one aimed at impairing the economic strength of the enemy. Negative economic warfare is characterized by the imposition and enforcement of drastic wartime economic policies.

Two Phases of Economic War

"Needless to say, there is a close connection between the two phases of an economic war. Fundamentally, negative economic warfare is more vital than the positive variety, since it is the economic strength of a country which determines the extent to which it is able to wage economic hostilities of a positive character.

"In examining the present economic position of Japan, we find that the prosecution of the China affair has cost the nation a tremendous amount of material. The hostilities in China may be blamed to a large extent for the shortage of commodities we are suffering at the moment. However, there is no suggestion that Japan's economic strength has been drained to any serious extent.

"At the same time, we have gained access to valuable new material resources. The programme for the expansion of industrial production, in progress at present in Japan, Manchoukuo and China, has yet to bear its fruit. It must be brought to perfection before there can be an appreciable increase in Japan's economic strength.

"The role cut out for this country in the development of resources in East Asia will have to be taken into consideration in any estimates concerning the future economic strength of Japan.

New Policy

"The Government has jettisoned its former policy of economic reliance on Britain and the United States in favour of co-operation with Manchoukuo and China for the development of natural resources in East Asia. As the new economic policy of the Government progresses, there will be a decrease in the effect of the American policy of economic pressure against Japan, which has been adopted in the belief that it is the best way to force this country to abandon its plan for the construction of a new order in East Asia.

"When the new policy has been made to bear fruit, in the near future, Japan will find itself possessed of sufficient economic power to resist successfully any economic struggle in which it may become engaged with the United States."—Reuter.

Bevin Appeals for 100,000 Women

Workers Needed for Shell-Filling; Men Required in New Shipbuilding Drive

London, Mar. 10.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, made momentous announcements in north England yesterday.

First at Newcastle-on-Tyne he appealed for 100,000 women for war work, mainly shell filling, even before the registration of women for such work comes into force. Provision, he said, would be made for the minding of children of married women workers with Government financial aid, at day nursery centres.

Later at Newcastle Mr. Bevin told a press conference that he was making another urgent appeal this week to men who had drifted during the depression to other industries to return to shipbuilding to take part in the Government's new drive for ships.

Finally at a town in Northumberland Mr. Bevin, commenting on the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill, said the overwhelming force of American aid would break down the spirit of aggression.—Reuter.

France Trying to Mine More Coal

Very Existence of Nation Said Dependent on Battle To Increase Production

Vichy, Mar. 9.

Ways and means of increasing the production of coal in the unoccupied areas of France were discussed at a meeting held here today between M. Pierre Pucheu, Secretary of State for Industrial Production, and the directors and engineers of the various mines in unoccupied France.

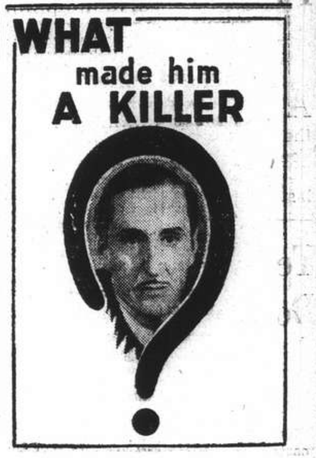
Mr. Pucheu conferred first with the Chief Engineers of these mines, and then with the directors and other mining engineers.

M. Pucheu thanked them for the considerable efforts they exerted in their field of activity since 1938, these efforts being rewarded when the production of coal in unoccupied France rose from 9,200,000 tons in 1938 to 10,230,000 tons in 1939 and 12,500,000 tons in 1940.

Although it is seemingly impossible to improve on these figures, M. Pucheu stressed that the present circumstances demand exceptional methods and an exceptional determination, he said.

M. Pucheu stressed that he would help the mining industry to the fullest extent "in order to win the coal battle upon which the very existence of the country depends."

He then announced that special measures had been adopted regarding food for miners, and said that the 20 per cent. reduction in the daily bread ration would not apply to miners.—Havas.



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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1941

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 11/32d.	$ 71.78
U.S. $100 @ 5 1/2	$1,818.13
Yen 23 3/8	$100
Guilders 10 1/4	100
Rupees 18 5/8	100
Pesos 11	100
Hongkong $22 1/4	100

Closing rates unchanged

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 7/32d.	$ 69.81
U.S. $100 @ 5 5/8	$1,797.00
London—demand, $=	3 7/16d.
4 months' sight credits	3 1/2d.
4 months' sight docts	3 17/32d.
6 months' sight credits	3 1/2d.
6 months' sight docts	3 5/8d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S. $5 1/8
4 months' sight credits	U.S. $5 3/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S. $5 1/2

Closing rates unchanged

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03 1/2 U.S. $1=£9.48d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling 3 11/32d. U.S. $5 1/2
Hongkong/London 1/3

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Java Guilders Selling 10 1/4

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

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Selling U.S.$100=$1,839.080 £1=$71.775

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U.S.$ Selling „ @ 9 3/4 „ H.H.$100
Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 177 per H.H.$100

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Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing $2.794
Gold Unit 1.00—CRB$ or Local $ $5.030

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 3 13/32	Lowest 3 21/64	
U.S. $	5 11/32	5 1/2	

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash	SELLING	BUYING March/April
£ T.T.	3 5/8	4 m/s. l.c. 3 1/2
U.S.$ T.T.	5 1/2	4 m/s. l.c. 5 5/8
Rs. T.T.	18 3/4	15 d/s. 19 1/4

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U.S. $/£ CROSS RATE CASH QUOTATIONS

New York closing rate for Mar. 8	4.03 1/2
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.92
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close	3.93

The local market opened with sellers at 3 3/4d. sterling and 5 1/2 U.S.$. Shortly after the opening the market showed a steadier feeling and quotations moved up to 3 7/8d. sterling and 5 11/32 U.S.$. These rates were alternately buyers and sellers during the remainder of the day until just before the close when political rumours again turned the rates to sellers; the market closing steady at:—

3 7/8	sterling	5 11/32	U.S.$ Cash/Mar.
3 7/8	„	5 11/32	„ Apr.

S'hai Telephone Co. Annual Meeting

Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. held its second annual meeting of stockholders yesterday at the company's office, 232 Kiangse Road. Directors of the company present were Messrs. Bates, Flemons, Longhurst, MacKay, Porter, Rhame, Strait and Wilson. The meeting was presided over by Mr. C. W. Porter, vice-president, and Mr. C. D. Longhurst, secretary, acted as secretary of the meeting.

The representation at the meeting consisted of 3,250 shares of stock represented in person and 827,610 shares of stock represented by proxy; making a total representation of 830,860 shares or 72.16 per cent. of the issued capital stock of the company.

After the usual preliminary formalities and approval of the minutes of the last stockholders' meeting, a board of directors was elected to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders. The directors elected were Messrs. M. M. Bates, S. Flemons, J. E. Fullan, C. D. Longhurst, J. A. MacKay, C. W. Porter, J. F. Rhame, P. M. Streit and J. H. Wilson.

The chairman then addressed the meeting explaining briefly the company's operating results for the year ended December 31, 1940 and referring stockholders to the annual report of the board of directors for the year 1940, a copy of which had been mailed to each stockholder on March 5.

S'hai Gas Co. Dividends

The board of directors of the Shanghai Gas Company, Limited, have decided (subject to audit) to recommend to shareholders, at their forthcoming annual general meeting, the payment of a dividend, for the year ended December 31, 1940, on the following basis:—$0.80 per share on 560,000 old shares, and $0.40 per share on 140,000 new shares, being at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Mar. 10.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.21	.21
Antamok	.05 X	.05 X
Batong Buhay	.0075X	.0075X
Big Wedge	.22	.22
Coco Grove	.0625X	.0625X
Consolidated Mines	.0018 S	.0018 S
Demonstration	.05 X	.05 X
East Mindanao	.07 S	.07 S
I. X. L.	.23 S	.23 S
Ipo Gold	.05 X	.05 X
Itogen	.15	.15
Mambulao Consolidated	.01 X	.01 X
Masbate Consolidated	.09	.09
Mine Operations	.055 X	.055 X
Paracale Gumaus	.265	.27 S
San Mauricio	.30 S	.30 S
Surigao Consolidated	.20	.20
Suyoc	.09	.0925
United Paracale	.1475 S	.1475 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.115	.1175 S
Manila Hai-Alai	6.90	6.90
Benguet Consolidated (over the counter)	3.40 S	—

Turnover (Morning Session): 23,200 Pesos.

Shares Index (Morning Session): 43.74.

S—Sales. X—Sellers.—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

	Mar. 7	Mar. 10
London spot	23 3/8d.	Unrecd.
„ forward	23 7/8d.	„
„ gold	168/—	168/—

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was quietly steady with a better undertone throughout, though without much change in rates. The turnover was small and the only noticeable feature was the early firmness of Dutch Rubber issues, which showed some improvement probably because of impending dividends.

Official Averages

High	Low		Today's Average	Change
562.56	105.33	General	286.59	—1.56
495.40	95.55	Rubbers	293.63	+9.30

Total 284,898 shares, 950 bonds.

Morning Session

S. W. W. "A" £20				22	780.00
Yangtsze Finance	500	16.20	1500	16.30	
	1500	*16.20	500	*16.30	6000 16.40
	6500	16.50	1000	*16.40	2000 16.30
S'hai Loan			500	19.00	500 19.30
	500	19.40	500	19.80	500 20.00
	500	19.90	500	19.30	1000 19.60
	1500	19.50			
I. I. Trust			1500	23.00	500 *23.00
	2500	23.25	500	24.00	2000 23.75
	3500	23.50	2000	*23.50	
S'hai Securities			500	5.80	4500 5.85
	1500	5.90	1000	*5.90	1500 5.85
	1000	5.80			
S'hai Land			500	*12.30	1000 12.30
	500	12.20	3500	12.40	1000 *12.40
	1500	12.50	1500	12.40	500 12.30
China Realty			4000	8.90	500 8.85
Dockyards			100	26.50	900 27.00
	900	*27.00	900	27.25	2400 27.50
	1500	*27.50	700	*27.75	200 27.75
	8300	27.25	700	*27.25	300 *27.00
	8900	27.00			
Ewo Brewery			3000	7.65	1000 *7.65
	2000	7.60			
Wheelock			100	94.50	100 95.00
	100	96.00	1400	95.50	3400 *95.50
	2900	*96.00	300	*95.00	4300 95.50
	1500	96.00	1800	96.50	500 96.00
	300	95.50	2400	*95.50	100 *96.00
	300	*94.50	1900	95.00	
Ewo Mills (Ord)			4400	41.25	1300 41.00
	100	*41.25	2400	41.50	200 *41.50
	5000	41.75	1800	*42.00	700 42.00
	4100	*41.50	2300	41.75	12900 41.50
	900	*41.75	700	41.25	100 41.50
Central Prop					300 17.80
Textile					2500 8.85
Worsted			500	5.65	500 5.60
Tram (Bearer)	£1				100 45.50
	200	45.00			
C. G. Omnibus			100	16.50	200 16.70
	700	16.60			
Telephone			500	*35.00	1200 35.25
	800	35.00			
S'hai Gas (Old)			200	16.00	200 16.10
S'hai Gas (New)					100 15.10
Lumber			3000	51.00	100 *50.50
	900	*51.50	600	*51.00	
Metal (X.D.)			2700	26.00	2000 *26.00
	100	25.75	800	26.25	3900 26.50
	1000	*26.50	700	26.75	500 27.00
	100	*26.75	400	*26.25	1400 26.25
	300	26.00	3100	26.25	
Kaiping					200 47.50
Exploration			11000	24.25	1500 *24.50
	3000	24.50	1500	*24.25	1000 *24.00
	500	24.25			
Power (Pref)					10 129.50
Anglo Dutch			200	18.90	700 19.00
	100	19.20	100	19.50	400 19.90
	500	20.00	100	20.25	500 *20.00
	200	*19.90	400	19.80	100 *19.90
	600	19.90	500	19.80	200 19.70
	200	19.60	300	20.00	400 19.80
Anglo Java			100	38.00	600 *38.25
	1900	38.25	800	38.50	200 38.75
	900	39.00	400	*39.00	400 39.25
	400	39.50	500	40.00	300 *39.75
	1100	39.75	100	40.00	200 40.50
	2700	41.00	100	41.25	200 *41.00
	1600	40.75	300	*40.25	600 40.25
	200	40.00	400	40.50	100 *40.25
	2500	40.25	200	40.50	900 40.00
	1100	*40.00	100	39.75	900 *39.75
	2100	40.25			
Batu Anam					3000 1.42
Chemor			1000	2.70	2000 2.75
	1000	2.80	3000	*2.85	
Java Consolidated					3000 4.00
Kroewoek			1000	2.80	2000 2.95
	3000	2.92½	2000	*2.92½	2000 2.90
S'hai Malay (Ord)					200 50.00
Langkat			300	26.00	200 27.25
	300	*27.25	400	27.50	500 27.75
	200	*27.75	200	28.00	400 28.25
	200	*28.50	900	28.75	200 *28.75
	1700	28.50	200	*28.50	6500 28.25
	1200	28.00	100	*28.25	400 *28.00
	400	*27.75	1300	27.75	4500 28.00
Repah					1000 1.32
Rubber Trust			500	9.90	1000 *10.30
	2000	10.20	500	*10.00	500 *10.10
	2000	10.10			
Samagaga			2000	1.78	1000 1.76
Semambu					6000 1.40
Senawang			5000	1.64	7000 1.62
	1000	*1.62	5000	*1.60	10000 1.60
Kelantan					3000 0.85
Sungei Duri					100 51.00
Tebong			2000	1.50	3000 1.52
	1000	1.54	5000	1.50	
Ziangbe			500	22.25	100 22.75
	600	23.00	400	23.25	400 23.50
	300	*23.50	2600	24.00	600 *24.00
	1700	23.75	1000	24.25	300 *23.75
	100	23.75	700	23.50	100 *23.75
	300	23.75			
S. W. W 7% (Pref)					300 13.70
Central Prop. 5½% Debs.					10000 90.50

ODD LOTS

Power (Pref)	2	130.25	3	129.75
Rubber Trust	200	*10.30	100	*10.00
Ewo Brewery			200	7.50
Sungei Duri			50	49.75
China Realty			50	8.80
S'hai Land	80	12.30	100	12.20

Afternoon Session

Yangtsze Finance				2500	16.30
	2500	16.20			
S'hai Loan	1000	19.40	500	19.20	
I. I. Trust	1500	23.25	500	23.00	
	500	*23.00	500	*23.25	
S'hai Securities	1000	5.75	1000	5.70	
	1000	5.75			
China Realty	500	8.85	500	8.90	
S'hai Land				2000	12.30
Dockyards	200	*27.00	100	*26.75	
	200	27.00	4500	26.75	
Ewo Brewery	500	*7.55	1000	7.60	
S. & H. Wharf		X.D.	50	445.00	
Wheelock	500	*95.00	100	95.00	
	1000	94.50	400	94.00	800 *93.50
	800	93.50	500	*94.00	500 94.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)	1800	41.50	4100	41.25	
	500	*41.25	800	*41.00	3100 41.00
	100	41.25			
Central Prop.				1000	*17.80
S'hai Cotton				200	190.00
Textile	1000	8.80		1000	8.75
C. G. Omnibus				100	16.60
Telephone				600	34.75
S'hai Gas (Old)				200	16.10
Lumber	400	50.50		100	*51.00
	200	*50.50			
Metal X.D.	200	26.25	3300	26.00	
	100	*26.00	300	25.75	
Exploration	7500	24.00		500	*23.75
	1000	23.75			
Power (Pref)				60	129.50
Anglo Dutch		100	*19.70	100	*19.60
	100	19.50			
Anglo Java	1200	40.00		200	*40.00
	1400	39.75	100	*39.50	1600 39.50
Batu Anam	1000		*1.42	1000	1.42
Chemor				1000	2.80
Java Consolidated				4000	4.05
Kroewoek	1000	2.85		1000	2.80
	1000	2.75			
Kota				1000	4.85
Langkat	600	27.75		1300	27.50
Rubber Trust	1000	*10.00		1000	10.00
	500	9.95			
Samagaga				1000	1.72
Semambu	3000	1.40		1000	*1.40
Senawang	1000	1.62		3000	1.60
Kelantan	1000	0.85		1000	0.84
Tanah Merah	1000	2.97½		2000	2.95
Tebong	4000	1.48		1000	1.46
Ziangbe	100	23.50		500	*23.50
	900	23.25	300	*23.25	
Power 5½% Debs.				5000	88.50
S. M. C. 6% Debs. 1940				80000	92.50

ODD LOTS

Wheelock	82	*95.00
Power (Pref)	8	*129.75
Ewo Mills (Ord)	25	40.75
C. G. Omnibus	28	16.40
Worsted	200	5.65

*—Direct Business.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn. 20's, D.H. p.b. Cash		$1,375
Tungchow cotton .. per picul		208
Shanghai cotton .... per picul		222
		picul
Raw silk Steamfil, 20/22 78%		$5,100
Flour, local .. per bag (49lb.)		$23.00
Flour, imported per bag (49lb.)		32.50

R.A.F. Bombs to Plan

Britain's Scientific Plan of Attack Hammers Relentlessly at Enemy's Weakest Points

IN contrast to the German Luftwaffe's practice of indiscriminate bombing, with occasional diversions to specific military objectives, is the R.A.F.'s rigid policy of concentrating the greatest possible striking power of its bomber forces against the most vital parts of the enemy's war machine.

Strategical considerations, such as the massing of troops or transport at potential invasion bases, may from time to time necessitate the temporary diversion of some or all of that striking power but, the immediate danger over, the bomber squadrons of the Royal Air Force revert to their primary objective, which is to deny the enemy, either by destruction, dislocation or aerial blockade, the means essential to his conduct of the war.

The achievement of this aim necessitates a systematic plan of bombing, which must be closely followed and pressed home with the maximum available strength.

Better Than Reprisals

There is no place in such a scheme for "reprisals" which, in any event, are far less effective a means to the end than the uninterrupted conduct of the plan itself.

Any such diversions serve only to delay the execution of a plan which is slowly but surely crippling the resources of the enemy and, in its entirety, must inevitably bring him to defeat.

To this plan, the bombers of the Royal Air Force have consistently adhered ever since the first bomb was dropped on German territory. Its broad outlines were established long before it was put into operation, but its details are based upon the most up-to-date information available.

It represents the collaborative work of strategists in air warfare, of industrial experts in many spheres, of technologists and scientists.

Oil storage centres and refineries, aircraft and armament factories, power-stations, naval dockyards and commercial harbours, railways yards and lines of communication all have their place within the framework of the plan, since all are essential parts upon whose efficient functioning depends the running of the enemy's war machine.

The order in which these key-points are attacked is necessarily governed by changing conditions in the enemy country and the strategical situation of the moment. Inland transport is among the primary objectives in the R.A.F's plan of offensive operations. It has been singled out, not because of its vulnerability, though that is fortunately great, but because it is among the weakest links in the Nazi and Fascist military structures.

Oil Life-blood

Oil is the lifeblood of modern military power. It is by persistent hammering at the refineries in which the oil is processed, the great reservoirs in which it is stored, and the lines of transport by which fresh supplies can be brought in and distributed that the Royal Air Force aims at draining the lifeblood from the enemy's military and industrial systems and so immobilizing the war machines of the dictators.

Attacks on other objectives which figure in the R.A.F's plan of bombing, such as aircraft factories, armament works and power-stations, are ordered from time to time as expediency dictates or striking power permits. But, valuable though their short-term effect may be in disorganizing production and hampering immediate plans, they do not in the long run have the decisive and far-reaching result which can be attained by depriving the enemy of the vital resources, such as oil, fuel and raw material, upon the regular supply of which the continued working of his armament factories and power-stations wholly depend.

Blockade by Bombs

The offensive plan of the Bomber Command may thus be described as largely a plan of blockade, but of a form unique in history, in that it does not depend solely upon the arrest of vital supplies before they reach the enemy but is capable of reaching right into the heart of the enemy's territory and snatching vital resources away from him. In the result, there is no distinction between stopping the supply of a raw material and destroying that material while it is being processed or held in storage.

Applied to the oil resources of the enemy countries, as our bomber squadrons have so effectively been applying it in recent months, this plan of aerial blockade has already proved itself one of the greatest weapons in our offensive armoury.

Vast quantities of oil, stored in Germany against the outbreak of war or since captured in invaded countries, have been systematically wiped out by bomber forces which have ranged the length and breadth of Germany and even scoured the occupied territories to seek out and destroy each major oil store in the enemy's hands.

Fresh oil supplies can, it is true, be brought into Germany with only such interruption as we can cause by attacks on the means of transport. But it will profit the enemy nothing if Roumanian oil, safely delivered, is then attacked by the R.A.F. and blown up with the wreckage of a Hamburg storage tank.

There is in Germany, too, a vast synthetic fuel industry and though that industry cannot be blockaded in the old sense of the word, because the basic materials required for synthetic fuel production are already to be found within Germany, air power still enables our bombers to reach those plants and set them ablaze.

Experts Aim Bombers

In the selection of individual targets, whether they be oil refineries, industrial plants or armament works, the Royal Air Force works in close co-operation with the Ministry of Economic Warfare. Though the principles of the air-offensive plan are fixed, and the nature of the objectives which are to have priority of attack has long since been decided, the exact choice of targets, and no less important, the frequency with which they are attacked, are matters upon which the advice of experts, versed in every detail of the changing needs and conditions of German industry, is essential.

The specialist staff of the Ministry of Economic Warfare supply this need, and objectives recommended by them are systematically attacked until such time as reliable information indicates that the destruction has been complete or that the damage inflicted has been sufficient to bring production to a standstill.

If and when the plant concerned is rebuilt and production resumed, it is again included in the bombing plan and duly dealt with.

Offensive Plan

The present winter months, with their long hours of darkness, fit in admirably with the offensive plan of the Royal Air Force. By providing a natural protection for our bombers against fighter attack, they lengthen the strong arm of our striking power and enable us to reach out and destroy vital resources of the enemy at far distant points already earmarked in the offensive plan but hitherto out of practical reach.

By the time the winter has passed and the nights grow shorter the rapidly increasing strength of the Royal Air Force will be ready for action.

Then, the first phase of its offensive plan completed, the activities of the Bomber Command may be expected to assume a new direction and the aerial blockade to be in part replaced or augmented by a "fighting offensive" directed at throwing the German and Italian air forces on the defensive, and so preparing the way for daylight operations, and the final phase.

Pacific Balance of Power Changing

Japan Said Endangering American Communications With Australia

Washington, Mar. 10.

Japan's southern expansion programme already has altered the balance of power in the Pacific, the Foreign Policy Association said yesterday in a survey of Australia's military and economic position.

Australia at present is safeguarded to some extent by the presence of the United States and Britain in the Pacific," the Association survey said, but the protection will continue to be adequate "only if a determined check of Japan's southward expansion is made at all costs."

Any defence arrangement, the Association said "would obviously involve far reaching implications in both countries—extension of the Monroe doctrine far beyond its present confines and reorientation of Australia's external relations.

Defence Arrangements

"To be effective," the article continued, "any defence arrangements must allow the United States to make rapid development of air transportation in the Pacific, including regular clipper service to Australia.

"Such a service offers new opportunity for military collaboration as well as economic and cultural relations between the United States and Australia." the Association said.

"Even the North Pacific sea routes have been made unsafe for United States communications with the Philippines and other Far Eastern areas," the Association said, adding that the "only alternatives provided are not only the present clipper service but also a possible air route across the South Pacific by Clipper plane to the Marquesas, Samoa and New Calidonia."—United Press.

New York Weekly Market Report

By courtesy of S. E. Levy & Co.

Consummation of the off-market sales of 200,000 shares of United States Steel, common, and cleaning up of the British account caused short-covering, but public participation was still absent.

The absorption recently of 80,000 British-owned shares of Montgomery Ward and 60,000 shares of United States Rubber by Wilmington interests and the purchase of 20,000 shares of International Nickel by a Canadian group, which had previously sold 50,000 shares around 46, all smack of accumulation.

Stocks are disregarding earnings power and characteristics of War economy, but issues under pressure settle down to a basis determined by dividend rates.

The market has discounted the "zero hour" for Western civilization, so it cannot be taken by surprise, come what may, and the slightest improvement in the tax outlook should find a response in equities.

Issue of Weather Reports Suspended in Hongkong

Hongkong, Mar. 10.

The daily radio announcement of weather forecasts and the issue of weather reports will be suspended from today.

The suspension conforms with precautions taken in England immediately after the outbreak of the war.—Reuter.

Vichy Determined To Defend Empire

Communique Issued After Meeting Between General Weygand and Ad. Darlan

London, Mar. 10.

"The defence of the French African Empire against any enemy will be made secure," states a communique issued after long talks yesterday at Vichy between Admiral Darlan, Vice-Premier, and Gen. Weygand, who is on a visit to Vichy from North Africa.

Among others present at the conversations, which followed a luncheon given in honour of the veteran soldier by Admiral Darlan, were General Huntziger, War Minister; Admiral Platon, Minister of Colonies, and Gen Gergeret, chief of Vichy's air force.

The Vice-Premier returned specially from Paris, where he had been conducting conversations with the occupation authorities, to confer with Gen. Weygand, who had spent considerable time "inspecting" forces in the French colonial empire.

The communique issued after the talks also stated: "It is confirmed that, in conformity with commitments entered into by Marshal Petain and within the framework of the armistice terms, this defence of the French Empire will be energetically assumed by French forces alone against all aggressors."—Reuter.

Weygand to Leave Vichy

Vichy, Mar. 10.

Gen. Maxime Weygand, commander-in-Chief of Vichy Government forces in Africa, yesterday finished his conversations with Government officials here and prepared to return to Algiers in a few days.

Gen. Weygand has been in constant contact with Marshal Philippe Petain, with whom he lunched and dined daily, and with Admiral Francois Darlan, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister.—United Press.

U.S. Motorized Units To Be Doubled

Six Divisions Planned by Next Autumn

Washington, Mar. 9.

The United States Army intends to double the number of motorized units now in service, according to military authorities here.

Before this can be done, they added, Congress must pass the bill allowing the army to maintain under the colours a part of the conscripts called up for a year's military training in accordance with the Conscription Bill.

At present, the U.S. Army has two divisions of motorized units, while two others are at present being formed.

If the Army's plans are enforced, it will have six motorized divisions by next autumn.

Each of these divisions will have 11,000 men, and their equipment and organization will be similar to those of the German 'Panzer' divisions used in France last year.—Havas.

25,000 Air Recruits

New York, Mar. 9.

The United States Navy Recruiting Bureau announced today that it was preparing to enrol 25,000 youths between the ages of 20 and 27 as reserve aviators to man the expanding air forces in a two-ocean navy.

The announcement said that the training course will be the most complete and the most advanced in the world. The basic academic requirements are two or more years of college credits or their equivalent.

The training centres are located in Pensacola and Jacksonville, Florida; and Corpus Christi, Texas.—Domei.

Bus Drivers in New York on Strike

New York, Mar. 9.

Ninety-five per cent. of the bus drivers in Manhattan and Queensborough who are members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations have decided to strike from tomorrow. They are demanding a 25 per cent. salary increase and an 8-hour working day.

It is estimated that about 875,000 New York residents will have to find other means of transportation as a result of the strike.—Havas.

Gayda Criticizes U.S. Attitude

Declares that American Militarism Threatens Neutral Nations

Rome, Mar. 10.

American militarism is a threat to every neutral nation, Sig. Virginio Gayda, mouthpiece of Premier Benito Mussolini, wrote yesterday in the "Voce d'Italia."

Commenting on the report from Budapest that the United States had offered military aid to Yugoslavia, Sig. Gayda said the offer was based on the supposition that Yugoslavia was politically stupid and pointed out that there was no route open whereby the United States could send military aid to Yugoslavia if the Axis opposed it.

Washington reports classed the report from Budapest as "pure propaganda."

"Following failure of the Anglo-Saxon manœuvres in Rumania and Bulgaria they turned to Yugoslavia," said the editorial. "However it is up to Yugoslavia to define her position and intentions.

"Yugoslavia knows her geographical position and her economic interests. She also is aware of the present status of the Balkans, which now are completely dominated by Axis political and military forces.

Position of Greece

"She can plainly see the hazardous position of Greece, Hence British and American attempts to depend entirely on the supposition of Yugoslavia's political stupidity.

"In any case, what have the English and Americans to offer to encourage other nations to join them? Guarantees and help which England gave Greece—like those given Poland—are not only insufficient but compromising.

"The first American material aid given to Greece was useless owing to its bad quality. Anyway, the Anglo-Saxons could not send any more help in great quantity to south-eastern European nations as the Italian navy and Italo-German aviation control all the central Mediterranean traffic, and even American supplies, which are going to England across the Atlantic, are ever more menaced.

"Militarism dominating United States political factions must by now appear dangerous to all neutral nations throughout the World. It leads to war and hence, through the mechanism of the tripartite alliance, to the armed reaction of Japan. Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria."—United Press.

Oslo Aqueduct Damaged

London, Mar. 10.

The main aqueduct leading to Oslo was damaged Friday night and several streets were flooded, press despatches from there said here yesterday.

Much material damage was caused, the reports said, and police are investigating the possibility of sabotage.—United Press.

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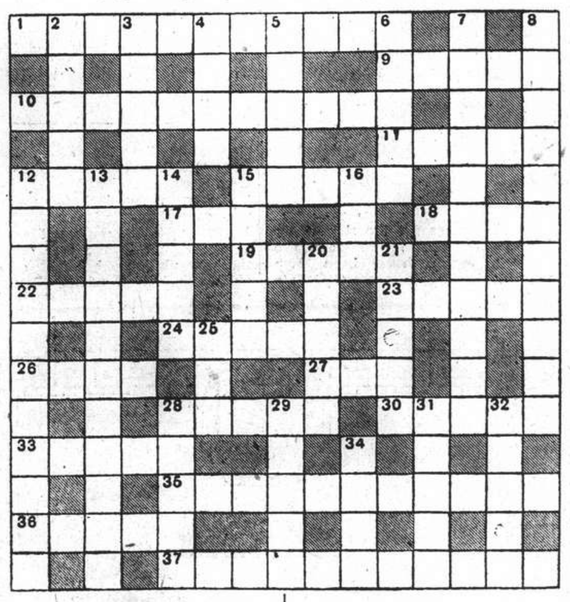

ACROSS

1 A boring combination (three words—5, 3, 3)
9 Volcano (5)
10 Tractableness, though the head seems out of place (11)
11 This contest should throw some light on the form of the contestants (5)
12 A youngster starts the noise (5)
15 After this after the sappers become genuine (5)
17 A salmon river (3)
18 A Kipling hostage (4)
19 A payment for an island (5)
22 No, the Admiralty is not situated in this street (5)
23 Town of India (5)
24 Produce (5)
26 The flower that came up (4)
27 Part of 22 across (3)
28 "We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone, but we left him alone with his—" ("Burial of Sir John Moore") (5)
30 Fruit that appears at certain times (5)
33 A supernatural being to join in song (5)
35 A bowler hat in a Shakespearean play, for example (11)
36 Numbers before a score is reached (5)
37 Does one have recourse to this instrument for a seance? (11)

DOWN

2 A dance (5)
3 This boat must be light being made of a reed and nothing more (5)
4 One of the padres (4)
5 Town of India (5)
6 "I know a bank where the wild—— blows" ("Midsummer Night's Dream") (5)
7 One need not use this when one speaks sharply (two words—5, 6)
8 Numbers go in for this science (11)
12 This little country is important to shunters (two words—6, 5)
13 is your clue (two words—6, 5)
14 Strong (5)
15 It is not only in frozen waters that this fish is found (5)
16 Site of a mountain pass perhaps (3)
20 In strange manner (5)
21 Boots and drinks may be this (5)
25 In the sky this is edible (3)
28 "The——of fashion and the mould of form, the observed of all observers" ("Hamlet") (5)
29 This rent is occurring periodically (5)
31 Feminine name (5)
32 Another feminine name (5)
34 May this bit of legal work be typed? (4)

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Postmark; 5, Aright; 9, Slanting; 10, Amount; 11, Recorder; 13, Turtle; 14, Rug; 16, Scheme; 19, Sunbath; 20, Acumen; 21, Ass; 26, Poplar; 27, Haricots; 28, Elixir; 29, Sapphira; 30, Lenses; 31, Wellbred. DOWN: 1, Pastry; 2, Snatch; 3, Mature; 4, Ranker; 6, Rum punch; 7, Gauntlet; 8, Tattered; 12, Rubbish; 15, Bun; 16, Sty; 17, Campbell; 18, Gumption; 19, Sedative; 22, Savage; 23, Dispel; 24, Hosier; 25, Island.

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P.I. Officials in Difficulties

Dismissal Possible for Taking Oath of Office With Clenched Fist

Manila, Mar. 10.

Socialist municipal officials of Arayat, Pampanga, face possible dismissal from office for having taken their oath of office with the clenched fist symbolic of Sovietism. The officials were Mayor Castro Alejandrino, the vice mayor, and the councillors, who were elected last November.

Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon has ordered the Secretary of Interior to require these officials to take their oaths in accordance with the form prescribed by the government sanctioned by usage in the country, namely, the raised hand with open palm. The president said failure to conform with the requirement would lead to the officials' suspension from office, pending determination of the final action against them.

Mayor Alejandrino was charged with disloyalty to the Government for making the clenched-fist oath, but investigation of the case was abruptly terminated because the respondent was not permitted to testify by Solicitor General Roman Ozaeta unless he took an oath with the open palm.

The presidential order was based on a recommendation of the Secretary of Justice Jose Abad Santos, to whom the Solicitor-General had submitted a memorandum on the case.

The memorandum said in part:

Challenge to Commonwealth

"This has ceased to be a mere matter of formality. It has become a challenge to the Commonwealth and to the constituted authorities.... The public knows what that signifies—a challenge to the existing form of government and social order. To permit them to exercise their office under the oath taken in the form signifying protest against the constituted authorities would be to show a sign of weakness and to encourage disorder and sedition."

Shortly before the president's order was given, a peaceful demonstration was staged in Arayat by about 2,000 Socialists in protest against the disloyalty charge against Mayor Alejandrino and the holding of the investigation of the oath-making in Manila instead of in Arayat.

Alejandrino declared in a speech that Ozaeta was "partial" and "inquisitorial" during the investigation. Reiterating his stand that the oath with the clenched fist was legal because it was binding to his conscience, Alejandrino said the action of the solicitor general in refusing to recognize it deprived him (Alejandrino) of his belief and was therefore unconstitutional.—United Press.

India Taking Control Of Aluminium

Certain U.S. Securities To Be Surrendered

New Delhi, Mar. 10.

The Government of India has assumed control of the sale and use in manufacture of existing stocks of unmanufactured and semi-manufactured aluminium in order to ensure that they are utilized to the best advantage.

Holders of stocks are required to submit returns by March 31. It is recalled that aluminium was subjected to import control last January in order to reduce pressure of demand on the world's supplies.

U.S. Securities Called In

The Government of India has issued a notification calling on owners of certain United States dollar securities to surrender them within a month from March 10 to the Reserve Bank, which will make payment when it is satisfied that the securities delivered are in acceptable form.—Reuter.

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From DAIREN: Dairen Maru, with mail, due 3 p.m., Whangpoo Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

STRAITS AND INDIA

From Bombay		From Karachi	
London M	— 22/3	Haruna M	— 20/3

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From New York		From Seattle	
Vincent	— 13/3	C brook	20/2 19/3
Dona Nati	— 15/3	From Honolulu	
P Grant	— 25/3	Yawata M	3/3 24/3
Hokkai M	— 25/3	From Manila	
P Jackson	— 26/3	Nitta M	8/3 13/3
Hroku M	— 10/4	From Kobe	
From Los Angeles		Taiyo M	8/3 12/3
Yawata M	24/2 24/3	From Nagasaki	
Asama M	10/3 7/4	S'hai M	12/3 13/3

CHINA PORTS

From Dairen		From Hongkong	
T'tao M	12/3 14/3	Nitta M	11/3 13/3

SHIPPING NEWS

The ss. **Kobe Maru**, shuttle steamer of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, running between Shanghai and Nagasaki, entered port yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, docking alongside the company's Wayside Wharf. The vessel, which carries mail and passengers, besides a quantity of general cargo, is due to sail again for Japan this morning at 8.30. Outgoing passengers for the ship are requested to embark from the wharf direct between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning.

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The ss. **Hoten Maru**, express liner of the D.K.K., operating on the Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen run, is scheduled to sail again for the northern ports this morning at 9 o'clock after a 36 hour stay here. The liner, which carries mail and passengers, is berthed at the company's Whangpoo Wharf. Ordinary letter mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 7.15 this morning. Outgoing passengers should embark from the wharf direct at least half an hour before sailing time.

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The ss. **President Pierce**, luxury liner of the American President Lines, did not enter port from Hongkong and Manila until 10 o'clock yesterday morning, twelve hours later than expected. As a consequence the arrangements for the liner have been upset, and the last tender for outgoing passengers will leave the Customs Jetty at 6 p.m. today, instead of 10 a.m., as previously announced. The liner is tied up at the lower buoys 12 and 13. She will sail for Los Angeles this evening at about 7.30, calling en route at Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco. No visitors will be allowed on board the ship during her stay in port.

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The undermentioned vessels are due to leave Shanghai on the dates indicated.

For Capetown		For Manila	
P Grant	26/3	Kamakura M.	11/3
P Jackson	27/3	Satartia	12/3
For Karachi		Dona Nati	17/3
Onoe M	11/3	Coldbrook	21/3
For New York		Yawata M	25/3
Venice M	16/3	P Grant	26/3
Dona Nati	17/3	P Jackson	27/3
Hokkai M	26/3	Asama M	8/4
P Grant	26/3	For Hongkong	
P Jackson	26/3	Satartia	12/3
Awata M	28/3	Dona Nati	17/3
Hokuroku M	11/4	P Grant	26/3
For Los Angeles		P Jackson	27/3
P Pierce	11/3	For Yokohama	
Nitta M	14/3	Nitta M	14/3
Venice M	16/3	Kamakura M	21/3
Dona Nati	17/3	Haruna M	21/3
Kamakura M	21/3	For Kobe	
P Taft	22/3	Taiyo	14/3
Hokkai M	26/3	For Nagasaki	
P Grant	26/3	Kobe M	12/3
Yawata M	4/4	Shanghai M	14/3
Hokuroku M	11/4	Nagasaki M	15/3
For Seattle		For Dairen	
Satartia	12/3	Hoten M	11/3
Coldbrook	21/3	Dairen M	13/3
		Tsingtao M	16/3

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Pres. Pierce	Hongkong	A.P.L.
Ryoga M.	Tientsin	D.K.K
Kamakura M.	Japan	N.Y.K
Sungshan M.	Keelung	T.K.K.
Onoe M.	Japan	N.Y.K
Kobe M.	Japan	T.K.K
Meiyi	Hsinkong	S.V.O.C.
Hsinyuan	Hsinkong	Tung Hai
Antai	Hsinkong	Chung Hua

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Tangyang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Shinglung M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Keizan M.	Jap.	Y.K.K.
Hakka M	Jap.	D.K.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
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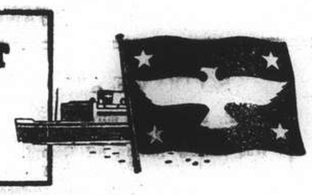

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MARRIAGE

GRIGG-MARSH.—On March 5, 1941, at Jerusalem, ROSEMARY, youngest daughter of Dr. and the late Mrs. E. L. Marsh, of Shanghai, China, to Captain T. H. C. GRIGG, York and Lancaster Regiment G.H.Q. Staff, Cairo, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Grigg, Richmond, Surrey. 11364

DEATH

WATSON.—On March 10, 1941, at The Country Hospital, NAOMI MARGARET, aged 16 months, the dearly-beloved daughter of Mrs. Helen A. and of the late Mr. John Richard Dean Watson. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, March 12, 1941, at the Hungjao Road Cemetery at 10.30 a.m. 11359

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11 'XCDN Calling'—Lyceum Theatre, 9
11 Hongkong University opened (1912)
11 "New Life Movement" inaugurated, Nanchang (1934)

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

12 'XCDN Calling' Lyc., Theatre 9 p.m.
13 For. Y. Debate-"Reincarnation vs Christian View of Life" 9 p.m.
13 'XCDN Calling' Lyc., Theatre 9 p.m.
13 British United Services Association Annual General Meeting at 'The Dome' at 5.30 p.m.
14 K. A. Persen, broadcasting XMHA, 9
15 Art Exhibition M. Brenner. Open daily at Modern Homes, 869 Bubbling Well Road.
16 S'hai Municipal Orchestra Lyc 5.15
16 Christian Science B'cast, XMHA, 6.30
16 Purim Ball Arcadia 9 p.m.
17 Cathedral Organ and Piano Recital
17 Engineering Society Meeting 5.45 p.m.
18 XCDN Concert-Lyceum Theatre 9.15
19 Lilavati Indian Danseuse Lyc., 9.15
20 R.L.Op. "The Charms of Spring" Lyc. 8.45

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MALTE PRIPP
Acting Consul General.

Shanghai in the Royal Swedish Consulate General,

March 10, 1941. 11362

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To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1940.
To declare dividend.
To elect Directors and Auditors.
To transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from March 15 to March 19, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. X. GUTIERREZ.
Secretary.

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To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1940, to declare a dividend, to elect a Director and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that at the same time and on the same day at 11.45 a.m. or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as a Special Resolution namely:—

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Barometer (inches)	29.82	29.86	29.85	29.85
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.20	—0.13	—0.05	—0.08
at 32 F. „ „ 12 hrs.)	—0.08	—0.07	+0.03	—0.01
Wind (direction)	ESE	ESE	ESE	SE
„ (miles per hour)	14.9	17.5	14.9	16.8
Temperature (Fahr.)	62.1°	56.7°	57.9°	61.7°
Humidity (per cent)	83	100	97	95
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	8	10	10	10
Rainfall (inches)	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report Mar. 9	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.98	—0.08	30 18
Temp. min. 45.5° Max. 67.3°	56.4°	+5.6°	44.8°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	8.10	—	5.32

Time and Tide	11/3	12/3	13/3	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.10	6.09	6.08	6.07	6.05	6.04	6.03
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.59	18.00	18.00	18.01	18.02	18.02	18.03
Moon rises at Shanghai	15.42	16.46	17.53	19.00	20.08	21.15	22.21
Moon sets at Shanghai	4.16	5.00	5.43	6.26	7.09	7.54	8.40
Flood makes Shai. (day)	8.55	9.41	10.25	11.11	11.43	12.29	13.06
Ebb makes Shai. day)	14.34	15.15	15.55	16.27	17.00	17.33	5.55
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	11.25	11.50	12.35	13.10	13.40	14.20	15.00
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	8.92	8.98	8.40	9.08	9.30	9.00	8.66

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 9th:—Pressure low and falling over China: normal and unsteady over Japan. Variable to south-easterly winds along the China Coast. Cloudy to overcast and hazy weather in China.

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